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WHITEAWAY'S

JAPANESE ADMIT GRAVE REVERSES

Now Concede Capture Of Taierchwang

Chinese Claim Final Assault On Yih sien Proceeding At Present

Peiping, Apr. 15.

A Japanese spokesman to-day said: "It may be Taierchwang is now in the hands of the Chinese."

This was in answer to a direct question after he had reiterated that it was impossible for him to describe the Japanese front line conditions in that area due to the fact that as soon as such information reached the public, it would aid the Chinese.

He stated that the original Japanese object was to clear an area north of the Grand Canal. "This we at one time had succeeded in doing, but this situation changed when the Chinese moved so many divisions of reinforcements up."

The spokesman said that the fighting in the Yih sien area was not so heavy now. He said that the Chinese strength in the Taierchwang and Yih sien area was now 13 divisions, and there were also three Chinese divisions at Linyi.

He stated that the Chinese were attacking the Hanchuang junction of the Canal and the Tientsin-Pukow railway, but "not so stubbornly."

He said that a few Chinese troops had appeared east of the Tientsin-Pukow railway just north of Lin-ching, and some Chinese troops were also near Taining.—United Press.

Final Assault On Yih sien

Hankow, Apr. 14.
The long-awaited Chinese attack on the city of Yih sien proper on the Tientsin-Pukow railway front, about 25 miles north of Taierchwang, has begun.

After establishing themselves on all four sides of the city, the Chinese began to advance at dawn yesterday. They are now, it is learned, storming the walls of the city, while a Chinese communiqué issued here last night, states that 10,000 Japanese, believed to be in the city, "are doomed."

It was stated yesterday morning, just before the Chinese completed (Continued on Page 4.)

STOP PRESS

PATRIOTS HURL BOMBS AT SUHSIEN MAYOR

Shanghai, Apr. 16.—
The newspaper, Wen Hui Pao states that "Chinese patriots" aimed two hand grenades at Mr. Ta Tao, Mayor of Suhsien, when he was on his way to his office.

The attempt was made near the old Footing Bank, at Footing. The report says that the grenade throwers escaped, but that Japanese troops thoroughly searched all Chinese pedestrians in the vicinity, and that three "innocents" were arrested.

The reports state that the grenades exploded on a side walk in front of the bank, injuring two Chinese chauffeurs and three pedestrians. Japanese tanks immediately resumed patrolling Footing's streets, while all entrances to Footing were blocked.—United Press.

(Further Stop Press News on Page 16.)

JAPANESE CASUALTY FIGURES MOUNTING

May Be 40,000 In
Past Fortnight

Spokesman Can Give No Denial

Shanghai, Apr. 16.
The possibility that the Japanese casualties totalled 40,000 in the past fortnight of fighting on the Tientsin-Pukow railway front was not denied by the military spokesman at a press conference yesterday.

A correspondent informed the spokesman that "certain creditable foreign sources put the casualties at 40,000, and if this is true, it is a major disaster for Japan, and failure to deny the figure would be admission of a major disaster."

The spokesman replied: "I am afraid I can neither deny nor confirm the figure, because to give any idea of our casualties would indicate the strength of our forces on the Tientsin-Pukow railway front."

Asked whether the correspondents must then be forced to accept the 40,000 figure as correct, the spokesman replied: "I am afraid I have to leave that to you."—Reuter.

GANDHI SEES VICEROY

New Delhi, Apr. 15.

Lord Linlithgow, Viceroy of India, and Mahatma Gandhi had a meeting to-day which lasted 100 minutes.

A communiqué issued afterwards stated that the Viceroy wrote to Gandhi last month saying he would be glad to renew his acquaintance, and added that he had no special business to discuss, but would welcome an opportunity to meet him.

Gandhi accepted the invitation with pleasure, and the communiqué adds that the meeting was "cordial and dealt with mutual topics."

GUERRILLAS HARASS SHANGHAI

March Unmolested
Within Half Mile
Of Settlement

Shanghai, Apr. 16.
Shanghai spent Good Friday in a state of nervous apprehension, following publication of reports that 400,000 Chinese guerrilla and regular forces were at present surrounding Shanghai.

The telephone bell rang almost continuously in Reuter's office throughout the evening, while various residents reported they had heard considerable firing going on in the various outskirts of the Settlement.

One unimpeachable foreign source added that at 6 o'clock they saw a body of Chinese guerrilla troops between 2,000 and 2,200 strong, pass completely unmolested within half a mile of the Settlement.

The general opinion, however, is that the Settlement need have no fear, and that no attempt will be made to attack Shanghai, since it appears judging from past experience, that the guerrilla troops only intend to harass Japanese posts.

The figure of 400,000 guerrillas, moreover, is learned to be a gross exaggeration, though impartial military advisers put the figure at 40,000.—Reuter.

CHUCHOW ENCIRCLED

Peiping, Apr. 16.
The Provisional Government's tax collector at Chuchow, 35 miles south of Peiping, arrived here yesterday bringing with him all local funds and documents, and reporting that Chinese guerrilla troops approached close to the city on April 13, had begun an encircling movement, and had now practically surrounded Chuchow.

As a result the Provisional Government's officials there were in danger. Reports state that the Japanese garrison at the railway station a mile from the city numbers only 100, so that it is unable to attack the guerrilla forces.

A Japanese spokesman said that 200 "bandits" appeared in the vicinity of Meticoukou last night, and fighting is now in progress. From Hsiyuan, five miles north-west of Peiping, one could hear occasional artillery and rifle shots in the far distance.—United Press.

Hongkong Conditions "Returning To Normal"

Japanese View Of
Colony

Shanghai, April 15.
Hongkong was less anti-Japanese than was generally believed, according to the Consul-General, Mr. Toyochi Nakamura, who said:

"It is true that most Chinese in Hongkong are dancing to the tune played by the Chinese propaganda pipers. For instance, such was the case with the alleged Chinese victory at Taierchwang, but fortunately no attacks upon the Japanese by mobs had been made."

He said that conditions in Hongkong were returning to normal, "and the foreigners coming to appreciate Japan's stand."

However, he admitted that Hongkong was being used as a free port for large quantities of munitions landed for transportation inland.—United Press.

ROYAL FAMILY AT WINDSOR

London, Apr. 15.

The Queen Mother is spending Easter at Windsor, where she drove yesterday.

The Royal Family is spending the Easter holidays there.—Reuter Bulletin.



PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

FIGHTING BUSINESS RECESSION

Roosevelt Requests
Huge Sums For
Relief Work

Citizen-Income
Must Increase

Washington, Apr. 14.

A series of recommendations aiming to cope with the present recession in business in the United States were made by President F. D. Roosevelt in a special message to Congress. These include appropriation of \$1,550,000,000 to be used in the coming financial year for relief, including \$1,250,000,000 for a work relief programme for the first seven months of the financial year.

Other recommendations include the immediate unfreezing of additional resources of \$2,150,000,000 by the de-stabilisation of \$1,400,000,000 worth of gold, and the reduction of reserve requirements by member banks by \$750,000,000. Also the renewal of public works expenditure to the possible total of \$1,500,000,000, all to be spent within 18 months.

President Roosevelt described part of the programme as vital, and suggested the Government be authorised to grant to States and Municipalities \$450,000,000, or to lend up to \$1,000,000,000 without interest for public works.

President Roosevelt asked authority to spend \$300,000,000 on slum clearance and housing, \$100,000,000 on roads, and \$62,000,000 on Government buildings and flood control works.

STAGGERING FIGURES

The estimates included in the message show a total "recovery" expenditure for the next 18 months of \$3,012,000,000, including \$950,000,000 from recoverable loans, but not including the \$2,150,000,000 already mentioned, nor the \$1,500,000,000 which the Reconstruction Finance Corporation is authorised to lend to industry.

President Roosevelt emphasises that reform of Government and business (Continued on Page 9.)

Konoye Won't Quit Post

May Reorganise
His Cabinet

Tokyo, Apr. 16.

Because his occasional illnesses are always accompanied by rumors of his resignation, Prince Konoye, the Premier, who is now recuperating, told members of the Cabinet that he would not resign, but would continue his China policy.

It is widely rumored that Prince Konoye intended to introduce a measure for the reorganization of his Cabinet in the event of Prince Kinmochi Saionji, of the House of Peers, approving.—United Press.

JAPANESE ALLEGE T. V. SOONG ALSO HURT IN BOMBING

But Statesman Answers:
"I Am in Good Health"

Tokyo, Apr. 15.

A spokesman of the Japanese Foreign Office to-day stated that it had been learned from reliable informants that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek had been wounded seriously in both legs during the bombing of Changsha on April 10.

The spokesman said the same source had informed the Japanese Foreign Office that Mr. T. V. Soong had been wounded in the stomach and right arm at the same time.

Nothing further was known, he said, and he refused to reveal the source of his information.

Veraculous newspapers on April 11 reported Marshal Chiang killed. But Hankow subsequently denied this story, declaring that the Marshal had not been in Changsha at the time of the bombing. Mr. Soong had not been there either, it was stated.

The Japanese Foreign Office story cannot be confirmed elsewhere.

The Japanese Navy says it also heard the report, but the spokesman said they had been unable to verify it.—United Press.

No Information Here

In response to queries from the north last night, Hongkong correspondents were busily searching for information concerning the whereabouts of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and Mr. T. V. Soong, and their condition.

Well-informed quarters reported that Mr. Soong at least was in Hongkong, and there is a suggestion that the Marshal has also flown here.

Persons close to both leaders denied any knowledge of reports of their injury and scoffed at the suggestion that they had been brought here to recuperate.

It is now ascertained that Mr. Soong is in the Colony. Questioned by telephone, he said: "I am in good health."

Fabricated Report

Hankow, Apr. 16.
Mr. Wang Ching-wei scoffed at reports that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and Mr. T. V. Soong had been wounded at Changsha during a Japanese air raid.

He said: "On that day Marshal Chiang Kai-shek was in Hankow, and Mr. Soong was in Hongkong." Mr. Wang alleged that the Japanese fabricated the report to divert attention from Taierchwang.—United Press.

REPORTS OF R.A.F. ORDER FROM U.S. PERSIST

New York, Apr. 15.

Britain intends to buy over 1,000 warplanes from the United States, according to an "authoritative person," says a report from the Washington correspondent of Associated Press.

The planes will mostly be high-speed, medium range bombers.—Reuter.

NO CORROBORATION

Washington, Apr. 15.
Authoritative quarters have so far not corroborated the report that Britain is buying planes from the United States.—Reuter.

FRANCE INVOLVED

New York, Apr. 15.
France has secretly ordered 600 war planes in the United States during the past few weeks, according to the Associated Press.—Reuter.

Japan Sending Young Farmers To Manchukuo

Dairen, Apr. 15.

The first batch of 400 young Japanese emigrants landed from the Ural Maru en route to North Manchukuo, where they will engage in farming.

Another batch of settlers, numbering 700, is also en route to Manchukuo.

All the emigrants have been given preliminary training at the special institute of the Idagara Prefecture.—United Press.

Insurgents Reach Sea

Galician Troops In
Port Of Benicarlo

Burgos, April 15.

Latest reports state that the insurgents have occupied 15 miles of the Mediterranean sea front, including Alcanor, north of Benicarlo and south of Vinor.

General Aranda's Galician army corps seized Benicarlo at 5 o'clock this afternoon, together with several ships which were attempting to sail, many prisoners and much war material.—Reuter.

CUT COAST RAILWAY

Saragossa, Apr. 15.
The insurgents have reached the coast north and south of Vinor, and have cut the railway along the coast.—Reuter.

Rival Unions Keep London Cinemas Going

Strike Scarcely Felt
During Holiday

London, Apr. 15.

London experienced fine, though not particularly cheerful weather, for Good Friday, with the sun occasionally struggling through the rain-clouds.

A matter of interest to Londoners was whether the cinema would open in view of the strike of the projectionists belonging to the Electrical Trade Union which instructed them to "black out" last evening, pending granting of an increased wage and a 45-hour week.

A few cinemas had to close down in the outer suburbs last night, but only one theatre in the West End was affected, the others having provided for the emergency by the engagement of substitute projectionists from rival cinema.—Reuter Bulletin.

READY TO SIGN TREATY

Britain And Italy
Complete Text
Of Agreement

French Show
Interest

Rome, Apr. 15.

The Anglo-Italian agreement will be signed at the Palazzo Chigi at 6 p.m. to-morrow, British Standard Time.—Reuter.

Egypt Taking Similar Action

Rome, Apr. 15.

Signor Benito Mussolini received Lord Perth, the British Ambassador to-day. It is believed the finishing touches were put to the Anglo-Italian agreement which, it is understood, will be signed on Saturday.

It is learned that the Egyptian Minister to Italy will attend the official signing of the Anglo-Italian agreement, after which he will sign a pact of good neighbourliness between Egypt and Italy.—Reuter Bulletin.

French Interest Indicated

Paris, Apr. 15.

It is understood in political circles, that M. Edouard Daladier and M. Georges Bonnet will go to London on April 27 to confer with British Ministers during the two following days, returning to Paris on April 30.

There is also some talk here of the resumption of Anglo-French military staff talks.—Reuter.

Beginning Of International Talks

London, Apr. 15.

It is indicated that Saturday's initiation of the Rome treaty will begin a period of diplomatic discussions and State visits such as have not been seen for years.—United Press.

FRENCH STRIKE SETTLED

Aircraft Factory
Workers Go Back

Daladier Takes
Firm Stand

Paris, April 15.

The workers in the privately owned aeroplane factories have accepted a 45-hour week and wage changes. Their three-week strike is ended.

However, more than 150,000 workers in heavy industries are still "out."

The Ministry of Labour has sent a letter to the unions ordering the immediate evacuation of strikers from factories. "In the name of France's security," the Ministry demands the resumption of work on April 19 and has called employers and workers to a conference on Saturday. There they will seek a settlement.

Meanwhile, M. Edouard Daladier, the Prime Minister, is threatening workers who interfere with compulsory arbitration with stiff prison sentences.

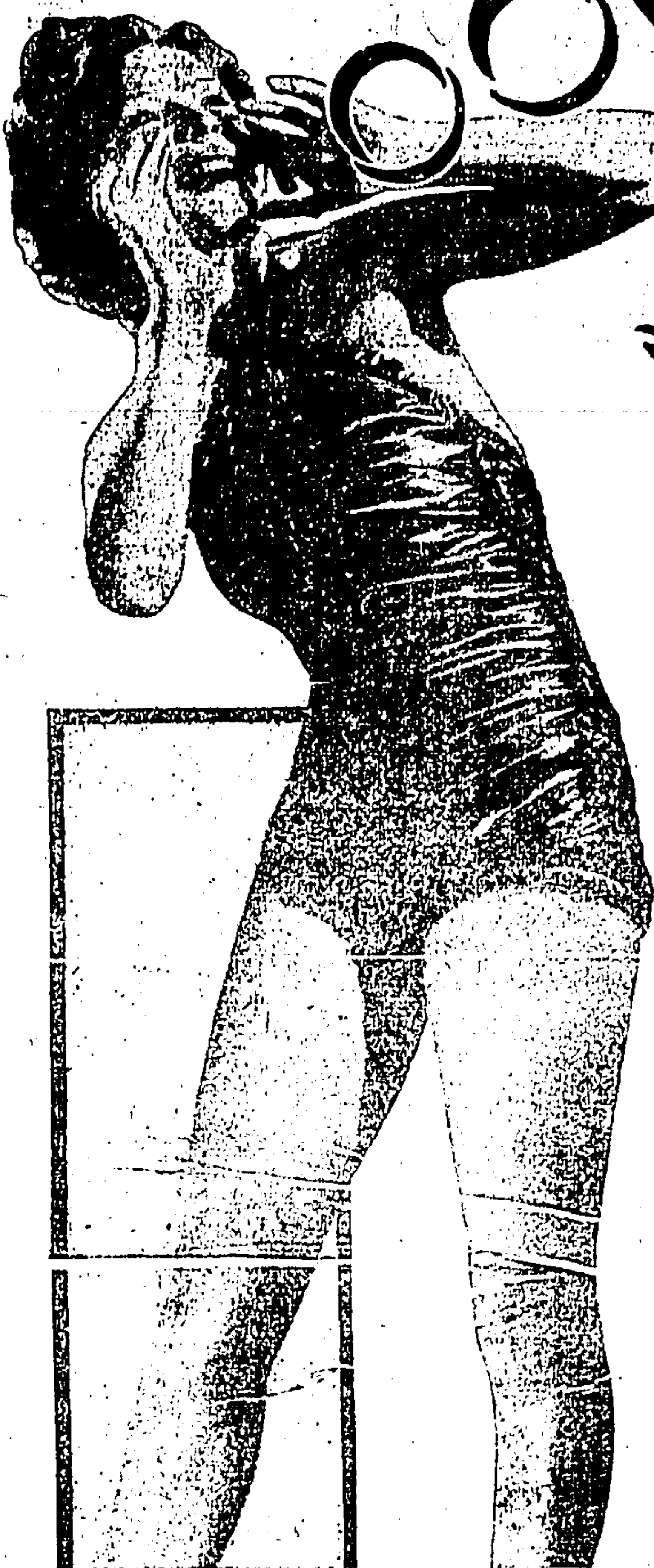
He met with five key ministers to-day to draft rigid laws affecting all strikes.—United Press.

Broadbent Off Again

Sydney, Apr. 15.

The Australian aviator, Mr. Harry Broadbent, took off at 4 p.m. to-day in an attempt to break the Sydney-London solo flight record.—Reuter Bulletin.

See blue waterproof silk. So made that it will fit any figure, and does not shrink. A waterproof silk skirt and cape can be worn with it.



OK! AT THESE NEW SWIMSUITS

Swimsuit in soft waterproof silk carries the fashion whim of the season—ruching at the back and draping across the front.



By Elisabeth Ann

4 P.M. Tea brought round on trays. Someone next to me refused the cake. I began to think of my own figure.

5.30 P.M. Someone suggested a dip. We rushed to our staterooms—emerged in swimsuits—I was particularly proud of mine, because I had picked a waterproof silk. One of the crinkly kind which clings but will not shrink. Pulled helmet on.

6.15 P.M. Dried, bathed and changed. There will be dancing. Decided in favour of the flame organdi over white. (Just had it pressed by the stewardess, as organdi does not behave under pressure. And I am no hand at packing.)

Mittens to accompany and flower bag. Wondered if I looked a little too "dressed" for the occasion.

Applied a different make-up—and much darker, because already the skin was a deeper hue. Forgot I was a sun-seeker. Forgot tennis. Forgot swimming. Put flowers in my hair, a spray of perfume at the throat—danced sandals, but no stockings, trusting that that was the rule when cruising.

7 P.M. Cocktail hour. Joined the crowd. All looking over each others' dresses and mentally critiquing. Found that "dressing" was the order of the evening and mine was none too elaborate. No one wore a coat.

7.15 P.M. Dinner. Everyone happy—except one—and she's blistered badly, right over the back of the neck. Remembered she wore one of those low sun-dresses, but had no bolero with it. Made resolution not to appear on deck without bolero the morning. She will begin to peel three days away and will have just recovered by the time the cruise is finished. She has not realised that sunproof beauty is a necessity when cruising, and it comes in a tube for travelling. A pity, because her dress is lovely.

8.30 P.M. On deck—dancing still, with canvas walls to protect us from sea spray. Something romantic about all this.

MUCH LATER. Too tired to dance. Stood looking over the sea—found a taffeta boat useful since the air was chilly. Just as well I had not bothered to pack a fur cape. It might have been out of place.

Meatless Days

HERE is a meatless menu for March:—

BREAKFAST

Mixed Fruit Juice: The juice of 2 oranges, 1 grapefruit, and half a lemon, mixed and served ice cold with a pinch of salt and a tablespoonful of castor sugar.

Kedgeree: Boil 4ozs. of rice in salted water. Flake a cooked Finner haddock and chop the white of a hard-boiled egg. Toss all this together in a saucepan in which 2ozs. butter has been melted. Season and stir in a little tomato ketchup. When piping hot serve with sliced yolk and a quantity of chopped water-cress sprinkled on top.

LUNCH

Creamed Codfish: Steam 1lb. of cod till tender. Skin, bone, and stir into a good sauce made with butter, flour and 1 pint of milk. Season with salt and cayenne pepper. Add ½lb. of mashed potatoes. Whisk well with a fork till light and creamy.

Treacle Custard: Cover a greased sandwich tin with short crust. Warm two tablespoonsful of golden syrup till runny, beat up with a raw egg and pour on to the pastry. Bake in a moderate oven till golden brown. Eat cold.

TEA

Bread, Butter and Rhubarb Preserve: Peel and cut 7lbs. of rhubarb into inch-long pieces. Stew slowly till juice runs freely. Add 7lbs. loaf sugar, juice and grated peel of 2 lemons and 2ozs. of bitter almonds blanched and broken up. Boil about three-quarters of an hour till thick and a good colour. Pot.

SUPPER

Spring Soup: Boil slowly together a quantity of young vegetables—

Hair Must Match The Hour

THIS season Fashion decrees dressing the hair to match the hour and the mood. In Paris it has been decided for sport (and particularly for tennis) to have three coils of ribbon round the head to hold the hair closely—and resembling a toque in line. The coils are made from ribbon bound over cord.

FOR bridge a quaint little cap in gros-grain ribbon is decorated at centre front with a spade, heart, club, and diamond, appliqued to form a central design. The cap can be worn with any afternoon dress.

WEAR the bridge cap with your hair wide at the sides, and the tennis ribbon coils to expose curls all round the head—free as the wind.

FOR the evening, waxed leaves in a lovely design, placed in a fan of black net spotted with chenille. This is worn on one side of the hair so that the fan falls forward across the brow, throwing it into soft shadow.

ANOTHER attractive design for evening wear is a band of many-hued ribbons to match a snail or a posy. Thread it through the hair to tie in a bow behind one ear.

Treat such a band as a hair-dressers' tape and curl the hair over it. The effect is softer, and the band is youthful.

Choose the ribbon colourings and the flowers to suit your hair tint. The fan is best suited to the brunette; the metallic cap with its odd dignity to fair hair, and the high bonnet to red hair and all those lighter browns of which there is such a confusion.

Net falling back off the hair is most glamorous in black. Only wear white or a colour if you are extremely fair.

STRAY KISSES

I'M free, white, and nearly 21. I drink on occasions but never too much, swear slightly, smoke rather too heavily and have one or two dates, dances, and a few stray kisses.

I think men generally follow a girl's lead, and although I don't say a kiss at the end of the evening is unexpected, I cannot see that there is anything very wrong or tragic about it!

I have, perhaps, got over this difficulty by only ever going out with men whom I like and trust and—being an honest woman—I must confess I usually want them to kiss me at the end of the evening.

What is wrong in having a jolly time if you can set a decent limit and enjoy yourself in a perfectly legitimate manner?

EAST HAM.

carrots, spring onions, turnips and a beetroot. Slice and season, and add warmed milk. Sprinkle chopped parsley on it when serving.

Herring Salad: Use half bloaters, half fresh cooked herrings. Skin, bone and break up. Mash with a fork with cold boiled potatoes. Season with raw onion, herbs, vinegar, and tomato juice. Press into a mould, turn out after a few hours, serve with garnish of hard-boiled egg and gherkins and green lettuce.

Apple Fritters: Pare, core and slice apples to ½-inch thick. Soak in sweetened lemon juice. Make a batter and add a drop or so of this juice to it. Drain apple rings, dip in batter and fry in deep fat. Sprinkle with castor sugar.

H. M-S.

Here's Good News for Sufferers of

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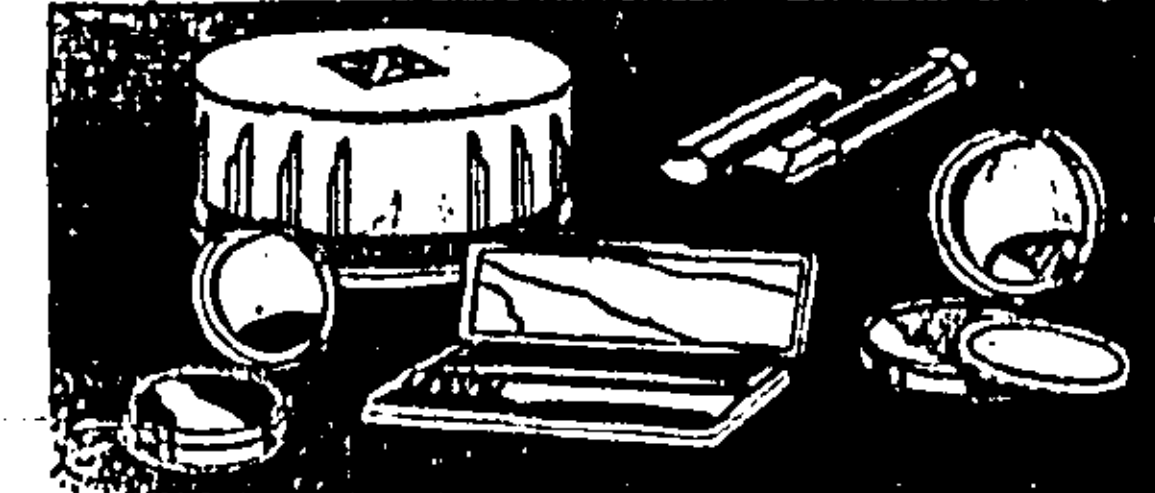
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8 A.M. Wakened by early morning orange juice and told we were well out to sea. Dressed in white shorts-dress, with coloured knee-high socks, and white deck shoes, wondering if everyone would look the same. Had a five-minute frenzy about anything more formal was necessary for cruising breakfast. Very nearly wore one of the linen culotte dresses I bought for the cruise, but decided against it. Glad was introduced to the new pant-belt as round no stockings were worn. Usual make-up.

9 A.M. Breakfast. Found everyone had dressed for deck sports or sunbathing. Dashed back to apply protective preparations to face and limbs. Found that a white cream was better than a brown for first day—not so obvious, and helped along a real tan. Removed spectacles to form head-dress, tied under chin.

10.30 A.M. Rested on deck, watching everyone else. Several knitting bags in evidence.

11 A.M. Invited to join a set for deck tennis. Very strenuous—escaped at 11.30 and found a deck chair. The sun quite hot. Discussed whatever the heat, this was the hour for soup to be served. Took it, gratefully.

12 NOON. Decided to change for luncheon. Put on cool white linen dress with a blue spot and sunstone stockings. Sandals with a blue strap to tone with the linen. Removed limbs, but applied freshly to face. Undoubtedly produced a shine through the powder, but no one seemed to mind.

1 P.M. Lunch. Everyone had changed. Was so glad I did.

2.30 P.M. Afternoon on deck. Read for an hour. Found my blue sun-glass glasses useful.

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PRAGUE, CZECHO-SLOVAKIA. CZECHO-SLOVAKIA WILL RESIST BY EVERY MEANS—DIPLOMATIC AND MILITARY—ADOLF HITLER'S IMPLIED INTENT OF BRINGING 3,500,000 OF ITS CITIZENS UNDER A NAZI PROTECTORATE.

I am able to-day to outline, on the highest authority, the attitude of this nation which stands in the path of Hitler's "Drive to the East." Government ministers have refrained from issuing formal statements because of the delicacy of the Middle European situation, but this is how Czechoslovakia feels:

1. It regards Hitler's proposed protectorate over Germans who live in other European countries as an unprecedented and intolerable interference in the internal affairs of this nation.
 2. It has received assurance from Paris that if Germany attacks Czechoslovakia, France will spring to arms in its defence. Czechoslovakia and France are bound by a close military alliance.
 3. It has informed the German minister that the Czechoslovakian government's reaction to Hitler's Reichstag speech, in which he announced a protectorate over 10,000,000 Germans who live in continental nations outside Germany, was highly disagreeable.
- Outwardly all is peaceful and calm here in the capital of the last democracy in the Balkans. Well-dressed crowds promenaded on the broad thoroughfares in the winter sunshine. Motion picture theatres and cafes are crowded. But the Czechs know that at any time the blow may fall on them just as it did on Austria.

The government makes no attempt to minimise the gravity of the situation. Gen. Ludwig Krejci, chief of the general staff, called in the military correspondents of Prague newspapers and told them that the nation had to be prepared for "a brutal, quick attack without warning, by motorised forces, assisted by an air force." He added that Czechoslovakia had to be prepared to fight alone for the first days of the struggle, to give her allies time to mobilise.

By the end of February, the German government had made no diplomatic representations to Czechoslovakia since Hitler's Reichstag speech, but the German minister did call at the foreign office and inquire about the reaction of this government. He received the straight forward reply that the speech had made a disagreeable impression.

OFFICIAL EDITORIAL

Heretofore, the strongest the government has gone in revealing its policy, is an editorial, officially inspired, which appeared in the government newspaper, *Prager Presse*.

It reads: "Not only Czechoslovakia but all other countries, whether close or distant neighbours of Germany, will resist with all means available the theory whereby Germany could claim the right to interfere in another's borders. Only one institution is competent to intervene in that respect and that is the League of Nations."

"It would certainly be wrong to assume that application of foreign intervention is a suitable means for bringing about the peaceful solution of the minorities problem and general political appeasement. The basis of universal peace and international law embodies the principle of non-intervention in the internal affairs of nations. Abandonment of that principle would be the end of law and order and the beginning of revolution. It would disorganise the relations between states and ultimately lead to chaos in international relations."

DEMOCRACY FIRST

Disregarding the 3,500,000 Czechoslovakian citizens of German birth—60 per cent. of whom are sympathetic to the Nazis—there is a passionate attachment to the tenets of democracy in this nation. More particularly, it is an attachment to the conception of democracy prevalent on the American continent.

In Prague, the principal railway station, a hotel and a street are named for Woodrow Wilson. Other streets are named for Washington and Herbert Hoover. You can buy a "Lindbergh cocktail" in the cafes.

Czechs have made the Central European crisis the principal topic of conversation in the cafes where they sip their beer. Newspapers post their front pages on bulletin boards and crowds always are clustered around them.

I learned that the government watched with considerable anxiety the change in the British cabinet, fearing it meant a weakening of British moral support for Germany in the event of Czechoslovakia in the last few months that signs in the last few months that Great Britain's attitude is changing and that London would like to see Czechoslovakia show a more compliant attitude toward Hitler. Some observers here interpret these signs to mean that the British government thinks if Germany's sphere of influence is permitted to expand eastward through Danubian Europe, Berlin's demands for the return of African colonies would be less insistent.

"IN-AGAIN, OUT-AGAIN" PREMIER OF FRANCE IN HAPPY MOOD



Smiling after having solved one of the innumerable French crises, Leon Blum "in-again, out-again" Premier enjoys the view from a window in his house with Vincent Auriol who became Co-ordination Minister in his short-lived presidency of the council.

Malayan Pensioners Have Sir Andrew As Guest

Tributes On Jaffna Visit

A reception given by Malayan pensioners was one of the features of Sir Andrew Caldecott's recent tour of Ceylon—the first since he was appointed Governor of that Colony. Many tributes to Sir Andrew's work as Chief Secretary, F.M.S., and Colonial Secretary, S.S., in recent years were paid at a Jaffna function, at which an address was presented by the pensioners.

Vast Drug Ring Is Unmasked

U.S. Complaint Leads To Paris Arrests

Paris. Eight persons have been arrested by the Paris police following revelations about the activities of a "drug ring" operating on the Continent and in the United States.

The leader of the gang is alleged to be a Swede named Astrand. He is a barman by profession, working during the day-time at a well-known bar in the fashionable Champs Elysees district, and at night at a Bohemian resort at Montparnasse. He is now in custody.

The arrests followed a complaint to the New York police. The widow of an American judge discovered two months ago that her daughter, who had been a student in the Latin quarter, was being supplied with heroin from Paris, after her return to the United States. She insisted that the police should make efforts to trace the source of the supplies. The French police state that the girl had been undergoing a drug cure while in France.

UNION CASTLE LINE FREIGHT RATES

Capt. Town. Speaking at Wellington, Cape Province, to-day, Mr. C. P. Town, Minister for Railways, Harbours and Docks, said that if the Union Castle Company was not prepared to make substantial reductions in the freight charges for the export from the Union of fruit, he would advise the subsidising of another company to the extent of £250,000 yearly. The re-

"We may recall with pardonable pride," stated this address, "your high sense of justice and fair play in all your dealings with our countrymen, who contributed not a little to the development of the Malay States."

"They were able to give of their best in the service of the States, for they had the kindly direction and supervision of efficient British officers, of whom Your Excellency may well be said to have been the most distinguished."

WIDE EXPERIENCE

"It is a benign providence that has blessed Ceylon, at this critical period of her transition from a Crown Colony administration to a democratic government, with a Governor of your wide experience, broad vision and large sympathy, just the present constitution should be worked in a manner prejudicial to the best interests of the country."

"We feel confident that Your Excellency will be able to compose successfully the communal and sectional differences which have late marred the harmonious progress of the Island."

Sir Andrew in his reply said: "Friends from Malaya, you said in your address that Jaffness have contributed not a little to the development of the Malay States. With my experience of 28 years in Malaya, I can bear witness to Jaffna's contribution to Malaya."

REAPING REWARD

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His Excellency then had a chat with several of those present who had worked under him a long time ago in Malaya.

duction he required was from 62s. 6d. to 45s. for deciduous fruit and from 47s. 6d. to 35s. for citrus fruit. Mr. Prow said that a company which makes hundreds of thousands of pounds out of the fruit trade should consider the farmers' Exchange.

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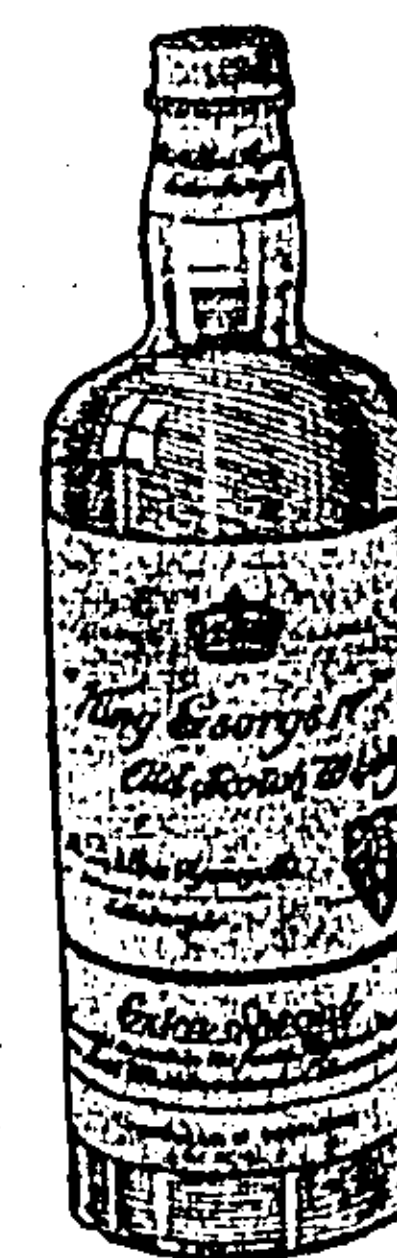
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JAPANESE FASCISTS RELEASED

Following Tokyo Demonstration

Tokyo, Apr. 15.
In a sensational sequel to the sit-down demonstration staged by 400 uniformed Fascists in the major parties headquarters here on February 17, police to-day released the Fascist leader, Tsumakichi Nakamizo. The case against Nakamizo and the National Anti-Communist Corps was dropped simultaneously.
Descending upon the headquarters of the Minseito and Seiyukai parties in trucks, the Fascists demanded that the two parties be dissolved immediately. When the demand was rejected by party leaders, the Fascists moved their goods, bedding, and portable furniture in front of the two buildings where they camped until last night, when the police persuaded them to disperse.
Holding the police responsible for the demonstration, the Minseito and Seiyukai parties launched a bitter attack on Admiral Nobumasa Suetsugu, who assured the parties that he would prevent a recurrence of such demonstrations, and would make an effort to apprehend the ring-leaders. However, the leaders remained at large until after the adjournment of the Diet, when Nakamizo surrendered to the police.—United Press.

JAPANESE ADMIT GRAVE REVERSES

(Continued from Page 1.)

their net around Yihshien, that a force of about 4,000 Japanese troops inside the city had succeeded in cutting a way through and escaping northward.—Reuter.

Chinese Repulsed

Peiping, Apr. 15.
A Japanese military spokesman, enumerating the mopping up operations from April 10 to April 12, said these had been effected five miles west of Chiaotso coal mines in Honan and also at Hsiangning, 40 miles west of Linfen in Shansi, where 4,000 Chinese attacked the Japanese, but were repulsed at the point of the bayonet.
The Chinese were also repulsed in the Xumukow and Hotshin area, just north of the junction of the Yellow River, and also some 12 miles south-east of Taiiku.—United Press.

Tsinan Now Quiet

Peiping, Apr. 15.
Reliable foreign reports state that Tsinan press reports of street fighting are groundless. There has been no real fighting near Tsinan since the Japanese occupation.
The only recent incidents were the killing of half a dozen Japanese soldiers in the western suburb of Tsinan on April 6, and the retaliatory burning of two villages, six miles east of Tsinan, "because they were infested with Chinese mobile units."—United Press.

Bandits Active

Peiping, Apr. 15.
To-day inhabitants of a village only one mile east of Changteh arrived and said that a gang of bandits

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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Agents.

Hongkong, 14th April, 1938.

last night raided the village, captured several villagers and stripped the place of valuables.
To the west of the railway, conditions are slightly better, apparently owing to the fact that the bandits fear to come too near the Japanese and Chinese troops, who are still skirmishing in that area.

Chinese police said that last night gunfire was faintly audible in Changteh as the Japanese engaged a mobile unit 15 miles west of the town.

Half a dozen small cotton mills have been inactive since the occupation of Changteh. The largest is being used as the headquarters of Major-General Fujita, commanding the air force here.

General Fujita's chief of staff, showing foreign correspondents a large field adjacent to Yuan Shih-kai's tomb, explained that they were chiefly active in bombing a concentration of 20,000 Chinese troops in the hills 25 miles west of Changteh. The unit also bombs within a radius of 300 kilometres, including Kwetow on the Lunghai and Tientsin-Pukow railways front.—United Press.

Severe Fighting At Yihshien

Shanghai, Apr. 15.
Breaking their long silence on the progress of fighting in Shantung, the Japanese military at Tsinan told Japanese newspapermen to-day that Yihshien and that "north Tai-chung is in ruins."

For the first time the Japanese admitted the loss of Tai-chungwang. They said the Japanese drive had resulted in heavy Chinese losses midway between Linyi and Tso-chungwang and also in the highlands east and south of Yihshien and north of Tai-chungwang.

The spokesman said General Sun Lien-chung's army had given the Japanese the stiffest resistance east of Yihshien. However, it was claiming the Chinese troops suffered "irreparable losses, from which they have become completely demoralised."

CHURCH NOTICES

EMMANUEL CHURCH

Easter Message from The China Inland Mission

The following are the Services for the forthcoming week at Emmanuel Mission Church, 218 Nathan Road, Kowloon:

Saturday.—8.30 p.m. Evening service suspended this week.
Sunday.—11 a.m. Special Easter Message from Mr. England of the China Inland Mission; 3 p.m. Sunday School. Young Men's Bible Class. Young Women's Bible Class; 6.30 p.m. Service in Mandarin; 8 p.m. Song Service. Miss McGill will sing; 8.30 p.m. Evening Service. Preacher: Dr. H. L. Clift, Subject: "The danger of sincere ignorance." Text: "They said unto Him, 'But we hoped' He said unto them, 'O fools!'" (St. Luke 24: 21, 25).

Wednesday.—8 p.m. Praise and Prayer Meeting.

Thursday.—6.30 p.m. Meeting in Mandarin.

All are welcome. No collection on Sunday evening.

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Services on Easter Sunday, April 17, in the residence at 29 C. Nathan Road, Kowloon, 10.30 a.m. Sermon by the Rev. Wallace H. McLaughlin, English-speaking residents and visitors all welcome.

LESSON SERMON

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hongkong

The subject of the Lesson Sermon in all Christian Science Churches to-morrow April 17: will be "Doctrine of Atonement." The Golden Text will be "I and my Father are one." (John 10:30). Among other the following citations will be read from the Bible: "In those days came John the Baptist preaching in the wilderness of Judaea and saying, Repent ye for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand. Then went out to him Jerusalem and all Judaea and were baptised of him in Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism he said, 'O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance.'" (Matt. 3).

The following citations will also be read from the Christian Science Textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "Sorrow for wrong doing is but one step towards reform and the very easiest step. The next and great step required by wisdom is the test of our sincerity, namely reformation. To this end we are placed under the stress of circumstances. Temptation bids us repeat the offence and we come to us in return for what is done. So will it ever be until we learn that there is no discount in the law of justice and that we must pay the 'utmost farthing.' Through repentance, spiritual baptism and regeneration, mortals will put on their material beliefs and false individuality." (Page 5: 242).

Announcement

First Church of Christ Scientist, Hongkong, a Branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ Scientist in Boston, Mass., Macdonnell Road, close to Tram Station, Sunday Service 11.15 a.m. The Sunday School is held at 10 a.m. Testimony Meeting, Wednesday, 6 p.m. A Reading Room is located at Bank of East Asia Building, 16 Des Voeux Road Central, and is open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. The Reading Room will be closed on Easter Monday. All authorized Christian Science Literature is available at the Reading Room. The public is cordially invited to attend the services and to visit the Reading Room.

ed, with the result they are being completely out-manoeuvred by the Japanese troops.

General Sun's army can no longer be considered a fighting unit as a result of its losses and demoralisation, the spokesman asserted.

He added there was severe fighting in the Changshan hills, four miles south of Yihshien.—United Press.



JOHN BEALE, starring in "Madame X" at the King's Theatre, is shown in the photo above with the four Chinese nurses who accompanied Mr. F. Sule, "The Man in the Iron Lung", from China to the United States. The Chinese girls were guests at the M.G.M. studios when "Madame X" was being produced.

AGENTS LABOUR FOR NAZIS IN BRITAIN, M. P. TELLS COMMONS

London, Apr. 15.

Remarkable allegations of German propaganda in England were made by Mr. G. le M. Mander, Liberal, in the House of Commons last night.

He alleged among other things, that educated German girls, after propaganda training in Germany, come to England, many through evasion of the law. Some of them came as spies and many of them were with the families of officers at Aldershot and elsewhere.

Mr. Mander declared that Germans in England were practically forced to join certain German associations and if they failed to report regularly or acted in any way which was considered unfriendly or critical towards the Nazi regime, they might lose their property and their relatives and friends might be persecuted.

Mr. Mander alleged that Gestapo agents masqueraded as refugees in English firms engaged in business with Germany, and were threatened with loss of business unless they saw to it that German-Jewish employees were dismissed.

Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd, replying for the Government, assured Mr. Mander that German girls could not take up service in Britain without permission. He added the Home Office was examining the information provided by Mr. Mander and emphasized that every alien arriving, including refugees, was carefully examined. And if an alien were found to be engaged in activities inconsistent with the purpose for which he was admitted, steps would be taken if necessary to get rid of him, or exclude him.

With regard to the question as to whether any surveillance of Germans in England were kept by foreign agents, the position was being watched very closely, said Mr. Lloyd. If there were any evidence of unlawful acts being committed, action would certainly be taken, he concluded.—Reuter.

SEEKING STRIKE SETTLEMENT

Paris, April 14.

Following settlement of the nationalised aircraft industries dispute, arbitration is proceeding rapidly in the dispute between employers and workers in the private aircraft industries.

The Secretary-General of the National Defence Council, who acted as arbitrator in the nationalised aircraft industries dispute, had conversations with both sides in the dispute to-day.

He is announcing an arbitral award shortly.—Reuter Bulletin.

ITALIAN MISSION GOING HOME

Tokyo, April 15.

The Italian goodwill mission to Tokyo, headed by the Marquis Giacomo Paulucci di Calboli, is scheduled to return to Tokyo to-day after concluding a fortnight's tour of western Japan.

The mission is sailing for Korea and Manchukuo on April 17.—United Press.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange weekly report, issued Thursday, states: There has been a steady all round enquiry during the short week under review, but buyers will have to raise their bids to obtain shares. Holders are apparently in no hurry to supply demands until more attractive rates are offered. In consequence the volume of business remains small.

The Sterling section is also steady with an improvement for H.K. Banks, London register, from £90 to £92, shares in the Head Office register from \$1,535 to \$1,547½ business done.

The Manila market is both dull and uninteresting, any improvement being promptly followed by a recession.

Business Done During the Week
Hongkong Bank \$1,535, \$1,547½
Canton Insurance \$275
Union Insurance \$350, \$353½, \$355
China Underwriters \$2.10 \$2.15
Doubtless \$25
Wharves \$132
Docks (Rights) \$11
Providents (Old) \$3.57½ \$3.60, \$3.65, \$2.70
Providents (New) \$3.40, \$3.47½, \$3½
Haitian \$24.40
Lands \$35.25, \$35½, \$36
Humphreys \$9
Tramways \$10, \$10.50, \$10.65, \$10.80
Yammat Ferries \$22½
China Lights (Old) \$11.05
Electric \$39½, \$40½
Telephones (Old) \$20.50 \$27
Cement \$10, \$10.10, \$10½
Cement ex. div. \$17.00
Ropes \$4, \$4.20, \$4.70
Daily Farms \$24½, \$24½
Waters \$9½, \$10
Hongkong Mines \$0.10

Changes (3.15 p.m.) Closing Quotations

H.K. Banks \$1540
Cantons \$275
Sincere \$22
K. Wharves \$132
Providents (New) \$345
H.K. Mines \$10
Trams \$15.85
Humphreys \$9.10
Telephones (Old) \$10.20
Cement \$17.10
Daily Farms \$24½
Sellers
Providents (New) \$347½
H.K. Mines \$0.11
Sellers
H.K. Banks \$1,547½
Cantons \$275
H.K. Mines \$0.10
Telephones (Old) \$10.20
Ropes \$4.00/70

POST OFFICE.

EASTER HOLIDAYS

To-day, Good Friday, April 15, to-morrow, April 16, and Easter Monday, April 17, the General Post Office and Branch Post Offices will be open as follows:

General Post Office: Friday, April 15, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.; Saturday, April 16, 8 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.; Monday, April 18, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Kowloon Central P.O.: Friday, April 15, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.; Saturday, April 16, 8 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.; Monday, April 18, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Sheungwan Branch P.O.: Friday, April 15, 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.; Saturday, April 16, 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.; Monday, April 18, 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

The other Branch Post Offices and Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the holidays. There will be one collection from the pillar boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day on Sundays and one delivery of registered correspondence at 10 a.m. to-day, at 11 a.m. to-morrow and at 10 a.m. on Monday.

AIR MAIL LETTERS

Air mail letters may be posted in the ordinary posting boxes. They should be clearly marked "Air Mail" and bear sufficient postage. Insufficiently prepaid letters may be taxed with double the deficiency or forwarded by Steamer Service, at the discretion of the Post Office.

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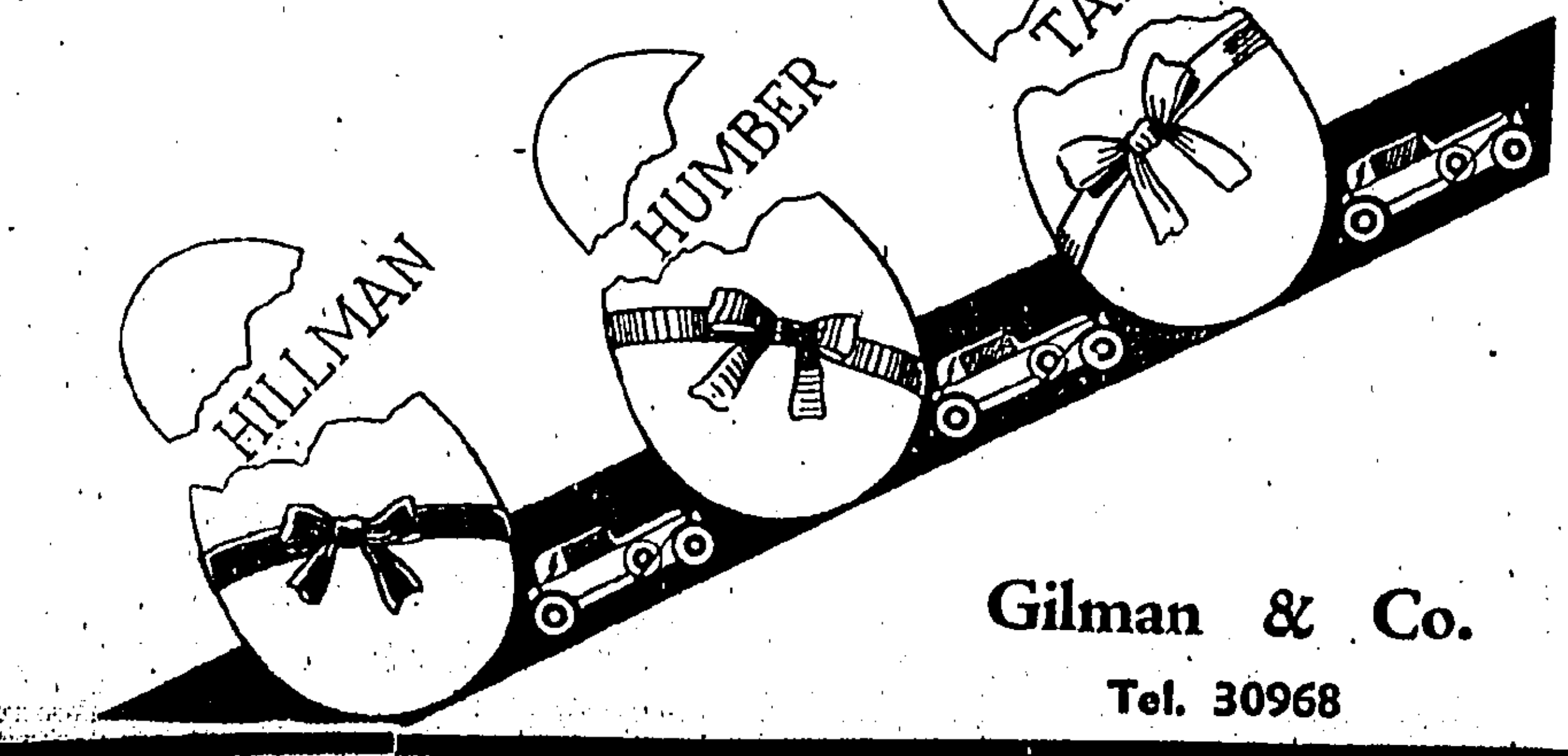
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Calcutta and Straits	Kumsang	April 16.
Shanghai and Amoy	Tsinan	April 16.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan—San Francisco date, 10th March	Pres. Adams	April 17.
Shanghai and Amoy	Tinegar	April 17.
Shanghai	Victoria	April 17.
Shanghai	Wuchang	April 17.
Swatow	Yochow	April 17.
Saigon	D'Artagnan	April 18.
Bangkok and Swatow	Yingchow	April 18.
Japan and Shanghai	Agamemnon	April 18.
Straits	Mentor	April 18.
Straits	Van Heutsz	April 18.
Straits	Yamukuri Maru	April 18.
Japan	Yucensang	April 19.
Japan	Buenos Aires Maru	April 20.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 14th April.	Imperial Airways Plane	April 20.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Manila—Seattle date, 20th March	Pres. Grant	April 20.
Japan	Cyclops	April 20.
Australia and Manila	Kamo Maru	April 21.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan, and Manila (San Francisco, 25th March)	Pres. Taft	April 21.
Calcutta and Straits	Sulsang	April 21.
Japan and Shanghai	Tilawa	April 21.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C., 2nd April)	Bhutan	April 22.
Japan and Formosa	Emp. of Canada	April 22.
Straits	Hurama Maru	April 22.
Straits	Kitono Maru	April 22.
Straits	Patroclus	April 22.
Manila	Bellerophon	April 23.
Japan and Shanghai	Giucus	April 23.
	Potsdam	April 24.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time
Saturday		
Air Mail for "France Orient Airways Service"—due Marseilles, 1st May.	G. P. O. and K. P. O.	Apr. 16, 12.30 p.m.
Manila, Straits, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Naples—due Naples, 8th May.	Reg.	Apr. 16, 1.00 p.m.
Amoy and Foochow (via Amoy)	Reg.	Apr. 16, 1.30 p.m.
Japan	Anshun	Apr. 16, 1.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Australia by Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Darwin 21st April.	Reg.	Apr. 16, 1.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 24th April.	Reg.	Apr. 16, 1.30 p.m.
Sunday		
Swatow, Shanghai and Tientsin	Fausang	Sun, Apr. 17, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haitan	Sun, Apr. 17, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Shanghai and Tientsin	Hunan	Sun, Apr. 17, 9 a.m.
Hollow	Mulinum	Sun, Apr. 17, 9 a.m.
Monday		
Samshui and Wuchow	Kong Ning	Mon, Apr. 18, 8.15 a.m.
Haiphong	Canton	Mon, Apr. 18, 10 a.m.
Tientsin	Nanning	Mon, Apr. 18, 10 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via D'Artagnan	Mon, Apr. 18, 10.30 a.m.	
Siberia		
Manila	Pres. Adams	Mon, Apr. 18, 3.30 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand	Changeite	Mon, Apr. 18, 3.30 p.m.
via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 30th April.	Reg.	Apr. 18, 8.45 a.m.
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LANDLORDS' MAGNA CARTA

To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir,—The inevitability of the Rents Commission findings surely are determined by the committee's repugnance to the substitution of private enterprise (a euphemism for vested interests which does not mislead) by Government building and letting of houses. Advocate a preference for private enterprise, and you are driven to defend its machinery, which is founded on the profit motive. Quite clearly with the profit motive taking anything but first place in consideration of business problems, private enterprise loses its incentive.

Stated broadly, without any rhetorical frills, a problem such as that which confronted the Rents Commission cannot be solved by tinkering with the existing machinery. Houses, like water and food, are among the vital necessities of life to-day, and should therefore not be exposed to the speculations of a profit-seeking system. It is Government's duty to see that the populace is properly accommodated in houses which they can afford, just as the onus is upon Government to create and maintain the legal machinery for the maintenance of law and order in the community.

The Rents Commission earned the white feather when it side-stepped this fundamental, timidly confessing allegiance to the system of private enterprise. The Commission argued that it was bad law to legislate where only a few extreme cases could be cited. That surely is bad reasoning while the Commission supports a system which does nothing to guarantee that those few cases might not at any time become duplicated with the majority of dwelling places. In fact, profit-seeking private enterprise is more likely to go to the extremes of exploitation than to move in the opposite direction.

Presumably if, and when, those extremes are reached, Government may take a hand in the game. This is small consolation. Neither is the Commission's warning convincing, because the Commission represents the patrons of the system known as Private Enterprise, and insists upon its sustenance. While that allegiance is forthcoming, that the interests in the shape of landlords, irrespective of whether they can be characterized as good, bad or indifferent, will be given preferential treatment. Hence the Rents Commission report as published on Wednesday. The Magna Carta of Hongkong landlords!

S. G.

POLAND CONSIDERS FACTS

Kovno, Apr. 15.

It is announced that expert will start discussions of Poland's economic agreements soon after Easter.—United Press.



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WAH YEE COLLEGE PROGRESS OUTLINED

Excellent Showing In Past Year

Headmaster Gratified

The annual distribution of prizes of Wah Yee College, Kennedy Road, was held in the Oriental Theatre this morning. There was a large attendance of parents of the boys and of past pupils and friends of the College. There was an interesting performance of Chinese and English plays, a drill display, and Chinese music rendered by an orchestra of boys and their friends.

The prizes were distributed by Mr. Lim Hoy Lin, Headmaster of Wah Yee College, Kowloon. After the prize-giving Mr. Lim spoke in terms of commendation and encouragement about the work of the school. Fr. Gallagher also spoke.

The following is the report read by the Headmaster, Mr. Lim Hoy Lin. "Mr. Lim Rev. Fathers, Ladies and Gentlemen, it is a great honour to me, indeed, to present to you, this morning, my annual report. It is, I think, the only time in the year that I have the opportunity to provide you, especially the parents and guardians of the boys, with a summary of the work done during the year that has passed, and to offer my thanks to those to whom it is due.

The College now counts an enrolment of 131, a considerable increase on the figure of 6 on September 3, 1935.

In fact, it would have been easy this year to have increased our numbers to 200, had our premises been large enough. For Fr. Donnelly, the Prefect of Studies of Wah Yee had recommended a great many boys to be admitted, and a great many refugees who had come to Hongkong from various parts of China owing to the war had made special efforts to provide accommodation for the victims of the war.

The average attendance for the last school year was satisfactory, over 90 per cent, and the results of the final examination proved gratifying. Every boy had worked extremely hard, not merely for the final examination, but during the whole year. This was due to the fact that any boy who competed for the scholarship in his class, or worked for promotion, had had to do well in all the weekly tests and the two examinations, Christmas and final, before he could reach his goal; for all the marks he obtained were added together and the average taken. This system was introduced on September, 1936 and proved very satisfactory.

UNITY OF STUDENTS

It used to be a common saying that the boys of Hongkong, especially those of the English schools, lacked a spirit of unity. This I too believed very firmly some time ago. But since I saw the associations formed in the various classes in our school and a committee formed of representatives from all these classes, and the warm way in which they got on together, I am now inclined to say that the boys of English schools are not so disunited as is thought, once they are led in the right direction.

It is Wah Yee's definite aim to prepare the students, not only to be intellectually, but also physically and morally good citizens. We have always taken great care to see them do their work well, and have often given them the penalty they deserve, though we sometimes have given them instructive talks instead. This however makes them realize the im-

portance of school spirit and of their duties as students.

Concerning the English study of this school, I wish to make a remark here. It is that I have found that the English standard has been raised a great deal during the year, as a result of Fr. Ryan and Fr. Bourke's coming down to our school to take up some classes every week. Hence I give my hearty thanks to them for their help and efforts.

STUDY OF CHINESE

Special attention too has been given to the study of Chinese. Besides having energetic and experienced masters to supervise this subject we have required the boys to keep diaries. Moreover the boys themselves have produced every day Chinese essays, interesting stories and patriotic drawings, and posted them on the walls for display. This has aroused the enthusiastic interest of the boys themselves, and as a result they have gained quite a lot of knowledge of Chinese outside school lessons.

In sports too we have tried our best to make boys interested and to induce them to take part in games. Ping-pong is a popular game in the College. The inter-class competition has been very keen this year and the singles championship, which our team played many matches with different schools in the Colony and the players have proved themselves quite promising. Football too has stirred the hearts of many of the boys. This year the Inter-class Championship was won by Class 4 after a hard struggle. The drill, under the supervision of Mr. Chung Chun-fan who has taken great pains to develop the physique of the boys.

RELIEF CONTRIBUTIONS

There is one other thing that is worth reporting. Since the beginning of last year, the boys have contributed the sum of almost \$300 for social and charitable and war relief purposes. The "One Cent A Day" movement began last September. Though the amount collected may seem small, yet the boys have done their part, and as a result of the daily contribution the spirit of patriotism has been aroused, which is extremely desirable.

The final examination of Class 4 last year was held in Wah Yee College. Out of the nine boys who sat for it four were directly promoted into 2A and three to 3B; one of the disappointed candidates was later admitted into Class 3D at the entrance examination of Wah Yee College. As an affiliated school our boys were exempted from the usual fees. For this I wish to express my thanks to the Headmaster, Fr. Gallagher.

It may seem too presumptuous for it may seem to have a Past Students' Association, but in fact we have one, rather young and weak, but in every year to come it will grow bigger and stronger, and will work in conjunction with its Alma Mater, I hope.

I wish, before I conclude, to congratulate the prize winners, and I hope they will get more prizes next year, and to thank very sincerely all the assistant teachers for the conscientious and generous work they have done for the boys and the voluntary and valuable help they have rendered me during the year, especially Mr. Yu Shou-san and Mr. Wong Wing-ki, who is responsible for today's performance.

I wish to thank also Mr. Ko Fook-san for letting us have the theatre free and Fr. Gallagher and Fr. Ryan for the prizes they have donated for religious knowledge and good conduct, for general efficiency and inter-class ping-pong competition. Lastly I thank Mr. Lim for having us this morning in giving away the prizes, and you, Rev. Fathers, Ladies and Gentlemen for your attendance at this function.

POPE CONSERVES STRENGTH

Vatican City, Apr. 15. His Holiness Pope Pius is remaining in his apartment, praying and conserving his strength for Easter.—United Press.

NEW LINER LAUNCHED BY P. AND O.

Company Carrying More Mail Than Ever Before

London, April 14. The 15,000 ton P. and O. Canton for the Indian and Far East service was launched on the Clyde to-day, the ceremony being performed by the Hon. Mrs. Thalia Shaw, daughter of the former Chairman of the P. and O. Company, Baron Craigville. The Canton will leave London on her maiden voyage on October 7. Lord Craigville, speaking after the launching of the ship referred to the fact that extensive provision had been made in the Canton for the carriage of mails, and said the fact was that despite the air mails, the P. and O. was carrying far more mail matter now than before the Great War. It was over 40 per cent. more than in 1913, the respective number of bags being 563,000 last year to 355,000 in 1913. The figure for 1938 was still higher.—Reuter.

Manchukuo Protests To France

Shanghai, Apr. 15. Japanese reports state that the Manchukuo Government has lodged strong representations with the French military authorities, have against the alleged crossing of the Manchurian border by French troops. The report said that the demarche asserted that a score of French soldiers advanced about a kilometre into Manchukuo territory yesterday morning, after which they erected a French marker.

The report states that a large number of Manchurian farmers have been pressed into service in the area where the marker is erected, and that the area is controlled by the French authorities by virtue of the Boxer Protocol.

The French garrison here numbers 30 men. American and Italian detachments are also permanently stationed here.—United Press.

WORKERS REFUSE WAGE CUTS

Washington, Apr. 15. Following a conference between sides in the railways dispute, the labourers flatly refused to accept a voluntary wage reduction, while they defied the operators' threat to invoke the Railway Mediation Act to enforce consideration of the demands for pay cuts.

President George Harrison of the Railway Labour Executive said "Wage cuts are out of the question. We shall not give them whisksers from yesterday's shave."—United Press.

NAVAL EXPANSION RECOMMENDED

Washington, Apr. 15. The Senate Naval Affairs Committee to-day reported favourably on the expansion bill, after authorising a tonnage increase to provide for three 45,000 ton battleships, and providing 20 auxiliaries instead of the House of Representatives' 22, and the elimination of the \$3,000,000 dirigible.—United Press.

HONGKONG IN THE 'GAY NINETIES'

(Continued from Page 8.)

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Rum, finest old Jamaican	per case of a dozen bottles	12.00
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LUTHERANS TO HOLD SERVICES

Several Lutheran missionaries now residing in the Colony are to hold services for the public on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

These visitors from Hankow announce that in these services plain Gospel preaching will be heard. As Lutherans they hold to Bible truths which, they say, are frequently slighted, scorned and attacked in this age.

"We hold the verbal inspiration of the Scriptures, accept the creation of heaven and earth by God in six days as fact, believe and teach that man, in consequence of the Fall, is totally corrupt by nature, has no free will to effect reconciliation with God, and can never save himself by his pre-sumed good works or merits, but that man can only be saved by grace, through faith in Christ, true God and Man, Who made vicarious satisfaction for the sins of all mankind when He died upon the cross. We hold that the Word and the two Sacraments instituted by Christ, Holy Baptism and the Lord's Supper, are the means whereby men may obtain the grace of forgiveness, life and salvation, and that these are the only means. We hold no dream of a millennium of temporal peace on this earth, but teach that Christ shall come again to judge the quick and the dead. We abide by the Apostles' Creed and the other two Oecumenical Creeds, as well as the Lutheran Confessions of 1580, and hold only the Bible as the norm of faith and life." The missionaries invite all English-speaking residents to attend the services.

ROOSEVELT IMPLORES NATION'S SUPPORT

"I Know I Must Never Give Up"

Washington, Apr. 14. President Franklin Roosevelt, in a fireside chat which was broadcast to the entire nation, made a striking and emotional bid to maintain the personal leadership of the nation.

He warned listeners that "the very soundness of our democratic institutions depends upon the determination of our Government to give employment to idle men."

He declared that he had always sought to look beyond "the officialdom of the national capital, into the hopes and fears of men and women in their homes."

"I cannot expect all people to understand all the people's troubles, but my job is to try to understand those problems. I know I must never give up—must never let the greater interest of all the people down, merely because that might be, for the moment, the easiest personal way. I feel sure your hopes and help are with me. To reach port we must sail, and not lie at anchor—we must sail, and not drift."—Reuter.

MINIMUM WAGE BILL APPROVED

Washington, Apr. 14. After some weeks of wrangling, the House of Representatives' Labour Committee has recommended that the new Wage and Hour Bill should provide a minimum wage of 25 cents per hour increasing to 40 cents within three years.

Working hours would be reduced from 44 to 40 in the week within two years, the Committee recommends.—Reuter.

REPUBLICANS CELEBRATE

Barcelona, Apr. 14. The President and Government of Republican Spain to-day celebrated the seventh anniversary of the foundation of the second Spanish Republic. A military parade and demonstration was held for the occasion.—Reuter Bulletin.

HAD RHEUMATIC PAINS FOR 25 YEARS

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Reports Of Disaffection From North

Japanese Believe Independence Move Gaining Momentum

Peiping, Apr. 15.

Japanese reports state that the family of General Ma Hung-kuei, Governor of the Ninghsia province, is going to Peiping. The reports state that General Ma's decision to send his family to Peiping is interpreted as a prelude to his opposition to the Nationalist Government.

The reports state that all the Mohammedan leaders in Ninghsia, Shensi and Kansu have severed relations with Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, and it is alleged that the independence movement is spreading among the Mohammedans in Ninghsia, Kansu, Chinghsia and Sinkiang, with General Ma as the leader.

It is said that the decision to oppose Generalissimo Chiang is motivated by the execution of his close friend, General Han Fu-chu, former Governor of Shantung.—United Press.

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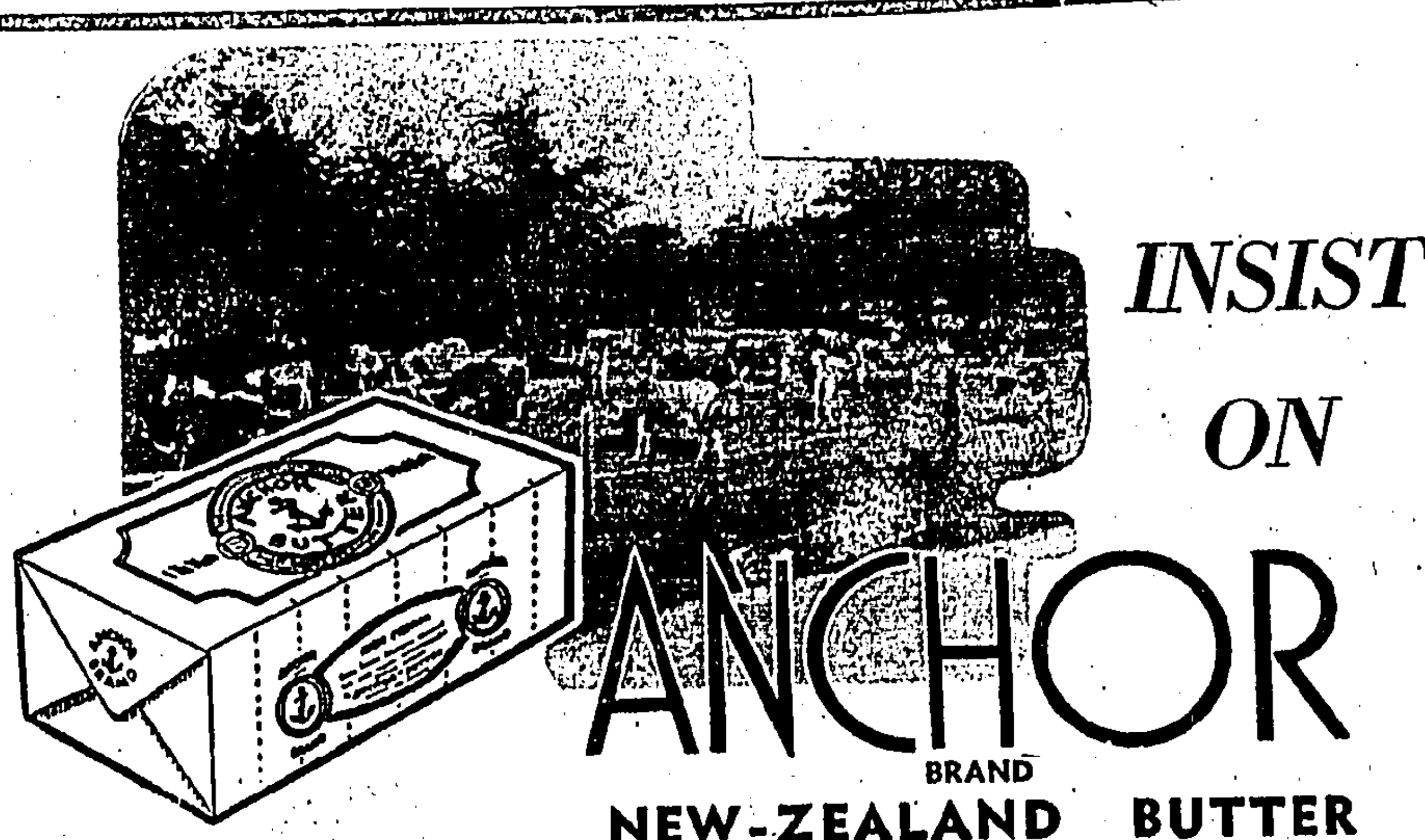
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SYNOPSIS: Anna, a singer in a waterfront cafe in Trieste, is in a fashionable restaurant, posing as a woman of position. Her two weeks' absence in the restaurant of wealthy Count Armadio's drunken whim. She has encountered Guilio, the village postman and is involuntarily drawn to him. Then she meets Rudi Pal and though he is engaged to Maddalena she resolves to win his love so that her two weeks' absence may be a lifetime. One day she receives a letter from one of the cafe girls. It forcibly reminds her that she has only a few days in which to succeed.

Chapter Six

Wretchedly, Anna again surveyed the letter, brooding over all it conveyed. Then, shuddering, she tore it into tiny pieces as though she were disposing of her whole miserable past.

"Signorina." She looked up sharply as the voice addressed her. It was Guilio standing in the arched door. "I couldn't knock, you see."

Her pulse began to race. His presence disturbed her now as it always did. "What do you want?"

"Can I help you?"

"Help me? What makes you think I need help?"

He shook his head sadly and somehow, the gesture brought a lump to her throat. There was such tenderness in his eyes. She wanted to immerse herself in that sea of kindness and compassion.

"Your letter made you very unhappy," he said gently. "You didn't want to speak of it with your friends. I thought perhaps with some one like me—you see, very often it helps to talk."

ped her hand to her mouth in dismay.

"Oh, forgive me Signorina," she cried wildly. "I thought—I was looking for Anna, the chambermaid." She disappeared through the door.

With exquisite presence of mind Anna turned to Guilio. "Is she crazy?"

Guilio nodded. "She must be. There is no chambermaid named Anna."

"I see," she added, formally. "Thank you for all the information, postman."

"Not at all, Signorina." Suddenly, he grinned and leaned toward her. "If you had really wanted to, you could have left at any time. The arbor is open at both ends."

He was gone and Anna found herself hating him with every ounce of energy she possessed. There was a rustling of leaves and she stepped quietly to the other exit where Maria still awaited her. "You idiot."

Maria said glumly. "They're waiting breakfast for you. Then she added, in blubbery undertone, 'How did I know I'd find you messing around with the postman?' After all she went on, blubbery. 'After all that wonderful work on Rudi Pal, she takes up with a dolt who rides in a donkey cart.'"

Anna blazed at her. "I haven't been messing around with him. He doesn't mean that to me. And don't worry about Rudi Pal." With a curiously languid gesture Anna patted her hair. "That's going to be all right."

"It better be soon," Maria warned. "You've only got a few days." Anna threw her head back and gazed off dreamily into the distance. "I may need more time. I may stay on longer."

"But how? You've got no more money."

Anna's voice was soft. "He's got a beautiful yacht anchored at Trieste,

Anna felt the merest pressure of Rudi's knee against hers. "It's the most romantic night of the year," he said.



In a moment she would be crying, dissolved in self pity. Her lashes were stiff, her eyes abnormally bright. "Is it part of your duty to discuss every letter you deliver?"

"This has nothing to do with my duty, Signorina. I have no right to be here."

"Exactly."

Their eyes met. For a split second Anna felt giddiness sweep over her. Then she looked away. "It was a letter from my very good friend, Count Armadio. It was a very amusing letter. I've read it over and over."

"But you crumpled it in your fist. Just now you tore it into shreds."

She said angrily, "Because I wanted to."

"Yes, Signorina." He turned to go, then stopped. "Ten days ago you rode from the station in my donkey cart. We spoke of life and postmen. You were pleasant and kind. I thought you the most beautiful and gracious lady I had ever seen."

"You're being impertinent."

"Please!" His hand was on her arm and a thrill, like swift mercury, sped through her veins. "I've talked to you since, every day," he said softly. "I've never once heard you spoken to me even as pleasantly as at the very first. You grow increasingly irritable with me. I seem to disturb you. Your attitude is—"

Her voice was an icicle. "I'm not aware of any attitude toward you."

"But I am, Signorina."

If only he would not look at her so. "Then keep it to yourself. Take it along to your pines under the stars. I've got to go, now. I don't go to the pines any more." Since that very first night when he had spoken to her on the terrace he was not hungry any more. He stayed alone in his house at night and his cousins were worried about him and what he felt for the beautiful lady. "I'll—I'll have you discharged," Anna faltered.

He did not withdraw his hand from her arm. "My little house sits high on a hill. I have everything there that I shall ever need. A cow and a garden and some chickens, all of which are cousins. Even my telegraph station is there in a tiny house of its own. It's my private world up on top of this one which we all share."

They were surrounded by an infinite quiet. Guilio's house, she thought, and a sweet bliss stole over her.

"And can you see the lake in the early morning?" she asked, like one in a dream.

"Like a shiny green dress with little sparkles on it."

"And the valley, too?"

He nodded. "And beyond the hills. You would like my little house, Signorina."

She moistened her lips. Then hot tears stung her eyes as she said, "No, postman. I would not like it. You see, I am used to so much more."

"But just to come and see it—"

"Anna, are you?"

Horrorstricken, Anna whirled around to see Maria dart into the arbor from the other side. Then, as the woman perceived the postman, she clapped

Maria. "If she had to stay, she'd stay, somehow." "You know, I wouldn't mind sailing past the waterfront in my yacht on my honeymoon."

And without a backward glance at the gaping Maria she sailed off. Maddalena, Rudi, the Contessa and the Admiral were busily consuming breakfast as she hurried up to them.

"Feeling better?" Rudi asked so lightly as he held her chair. His fingers just managed to caress her shoulder.

"Much better, thank you, Rudi."

The Contessa's smile was a masterpiece of barbed sweetness. "Nothing serious, I hope."

Anna's voice was just as honeyed. "Unfortunately not." She settled back comfortably as Alberto brought her her usual breakfast order. Dear Alberto, she thought gratefully. For a waiter, he was an extraordinary man. He had helped her over many a rough spot and his deference was always so marked that it couldn't fail to impress the others.

"We've been talking about the Festa, Anna," Rudi said casually. "Maddalena's in an uproar about her costume."

"It's a wonderful affair," Maddalena said happily. "All the peasants for miles around will be there. We all dress just as they do. Even father wears his Tyrolean outfit."

"It's great for my gout," the Admiral grumbled.

The Contessa adjusted her monocle. "And everyone drinks too much now wine and makes too much love to the wrong people."

Anna felt Rudi's knee against hers. Just the merest pressure. "It's the most romantic night of the year," he said, staring at his plate fixly.

The Contessa drawled. "What a pity you're leaving just before it."

Maddalena leaned across the table. "Anna darling, you can't miss the Festa."

Looking at the girl across from her—the girl who was her rival—Anna felt a sharp twinge of conscience. She hadn't given over much thought to Maddalena but now she did. A gallant young woman, she had to admit.

Maddalena, more than the Contessa, suspected what she planned. But she had done nothing to stop it. Now Anna knew why. Maddalena was truly a great lady. If Rudi could find his love elsewhere she would let him have it in spite of the pain it brought her. For this, Anna accorded her full admiration. Not unkindly, however, how over. If she loved a man she would move heaven and earth to keep someone else from getting him.

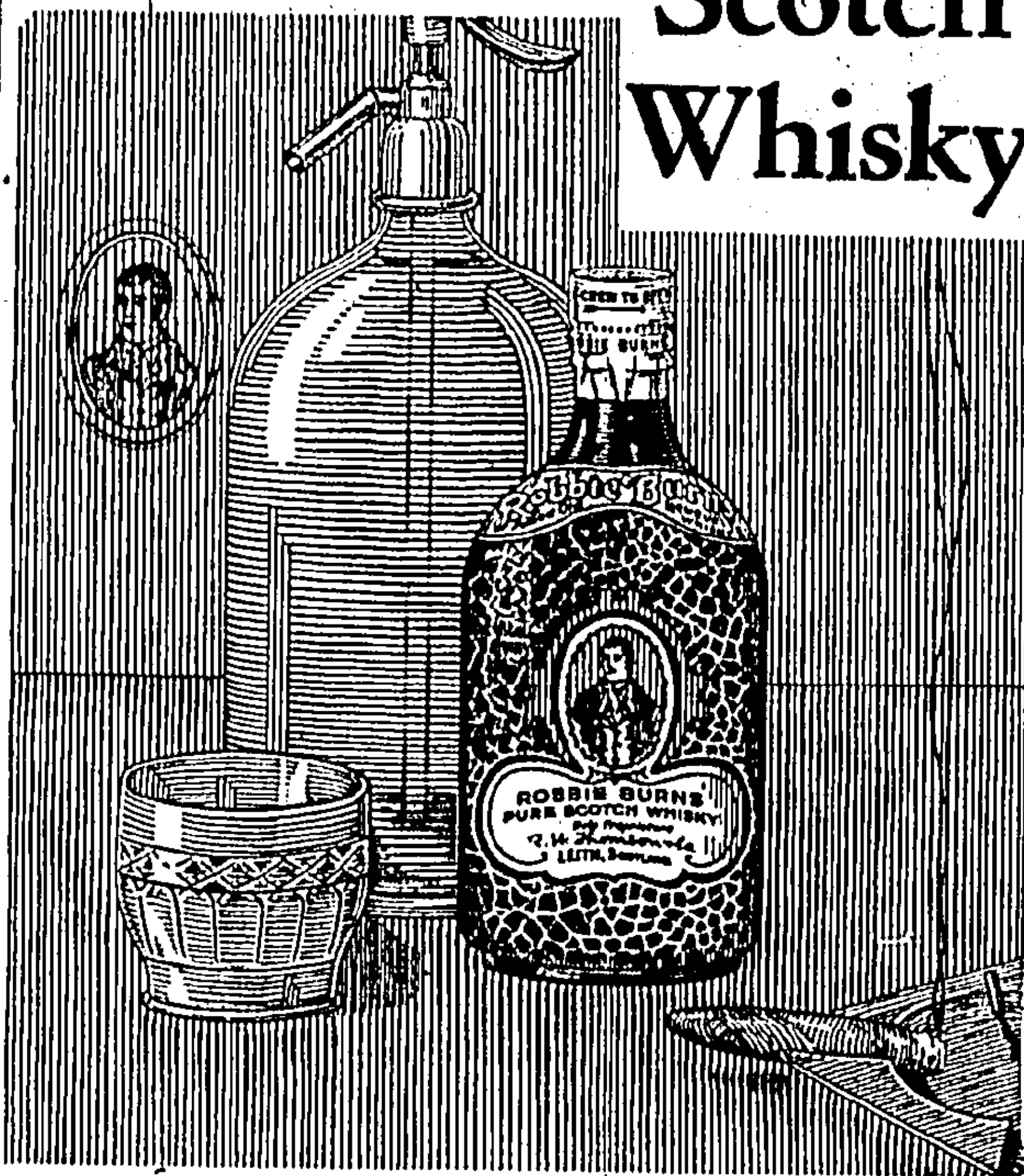
She broke into gay laughter. "The Festa does sound like fun. Of course I've an important engagement in Trieste." Her gaze swept the group, finally resting on Rudi. "But if you'd all like me to stay—" she took a deep breath. "I think it can be arranged."

(Anna is heading for deep waters. Count Armadio has given her two weeks and now she is planning to overstay her leave. Will he help her further? See tomorrow's exciting installment.)

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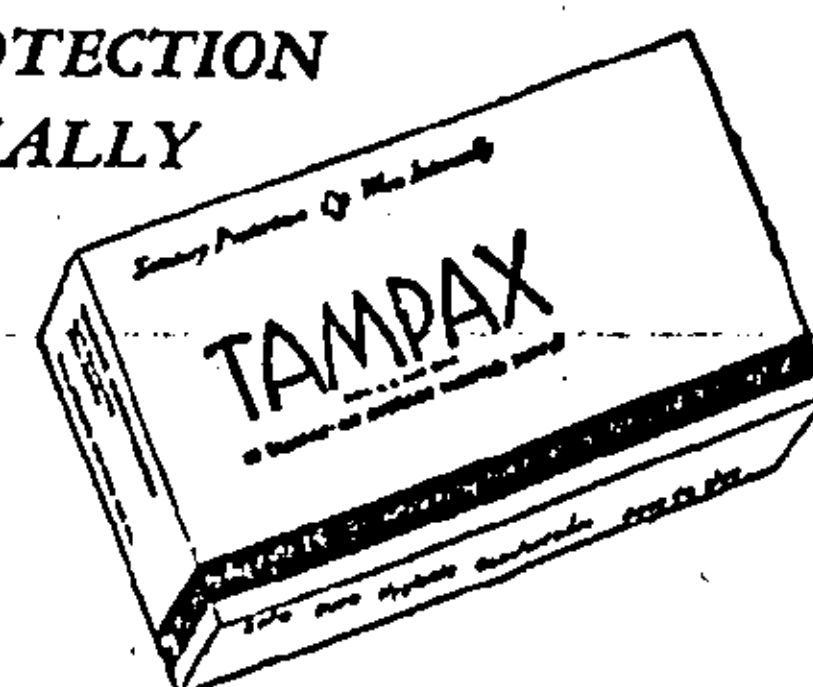
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Soviet Russia Seen As Mastermind In International Ring

By Manuel de J. Manduley
United Press Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK. AS THE GREATEST NATIONAL DEFENCE PROGRAMME IN THE UNITED STATES SINCE THE WORLD WAR GOT UNDER WAY RECENTLY, AGENTS OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ("G-MEN") UNCOVERED WHAT IS ALLEGED TO BE THE MOST EXTENSIVE ESPIONAGE SYSTEM EVER DISCOVERED IN THIS COUNTRY DURING PEACE TIME.

According to an announcement made simultaneously by J. Edgar Hoover, head of the FBI, in Washington and Reed Vetterli, bureau chief in this city, the aims of the spy organisation, supposedly working under the direction of a foreign secret service, included the procurement of plans related both to the latest United States naval and military construction programmes and to the methods of United States mobilisation, particularly for defence of the Panama Canal.

The espionage plot, it is said, also included a system whereby false American passports would be obtained for spies in Soviet Russia, who thus as apparent United States citizens, would then not be liable to a foreign government.

Although this phase of the investigation has as yet not been sufficiently carried out, it is presumed that the Robinsons, now held in Russia on charges of espionage, may have obtained their false American passports in this manner.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation drive against espionage was not known to the public until recently, when the sensational announcement was made that two former members of the

United States army—one German born and the other educated in Germany—and a German woman had been arrested and were awaiting Grand Jury action on charges of espionage.

One of the men was Gustave Rumrich, 27 years old. He was born in the United States but educated in Germany, where he spent most of his life. Rumrich was a sergeant in the United States army and deserted three years ago. The other man was Erich Glaser, 28, a private in the Reconnaissance Squadron at Mitchell Field, air defence centre of New York City. Glaser was born in Germany.

The woman was Johanna Hofmann, 26, a native of Dresden, Germany. She has red hair, is described as "beautiful" and worked as a hair dresser on the liner Europa until apprehended by the "G-Men" on a recent arrival of the ship. The three defendants are held on \$25,000 bail each.

ALLEGED CONFESSION

Rumrich, it is said, confessed that he was receiving \$500 a month from the German government for his services. As far as the federal agents were able to discover, at the preliminary investigation, Rumrich was to furnish mobilisation plans for the Panama Canal and other areas in case of war. In this connection he is supposed to have been involved in an extraordinary plot to lure Colonel H. W. T. Eglin, commander of the 62nd Coast Artillery at Fort Totten near New York City, to the Hotel McAlpin and there obtain documents pertaining to mobilisation plans either by intimidating him or killing him.

As far as the mobilisation plans for the Panama Canal are concerned, military authorities pointed out, this information is obtainable by almost everyone. The alleged plot against Colonel Eglin was practically childish too, they said, because the colonel had no documents that are in any way secret. Rough drawings of tanks and other armaments found in Rumrich's possession at the time of his arrest were also said to be practically valueless.

FALSE PASSPORT TRAFFIC
Federal agents revealed furthermore that Rumrich was also involved in the false passport traffic which led ultimately to his arrest. It is said that posing as "Mr. Weston, Under-Secretary of State," Rumrich telephoned the Passport Bureau in New York asking to send him passport blanks to a hotel. Federal agents, becoming suspicious, accompanied the messenger, held Rumrich and questioned him.

Similarly, none of the information the other man, Glaser, was thought to have furnished or was about to furnish was considered of any practical value to a foreign power, except the secret codes of the Air Service, which recently disappeared from Mitchell Field and which, it is thought, Glaser might have obtained in view of his advantage in being at that particular defence centre.

When Miss Hofmann was arrested, it is said, she had in her possession letters offering \$1,000 for information concerning the two new United States aircraft carriers, the Intrepid and the Yorktown. Principally, it is thought, Miss Hofmann's connection with the alleged espionage ring was to act as a messenger between here and Europe—presumably Germany.

IN EMPLOY OF FOREIGN POWER

The general impression created here among federal authorities insofar as these three defendants is that if they were really in the employ of a foreign power—they were merely being tried out and that their accomplishments so far were of little value. On the other hand, the Federal Bureau of Investigation is continuing its search, confident, it seems, that these three were only the most inexperienced of the spy ring and that there are other more important members still at large. The implied importance of these three arrests has been forcefully pointed out by high military authorities, who insist that the defendants should be tried by court martial instead of taking the case before Grand Jury.



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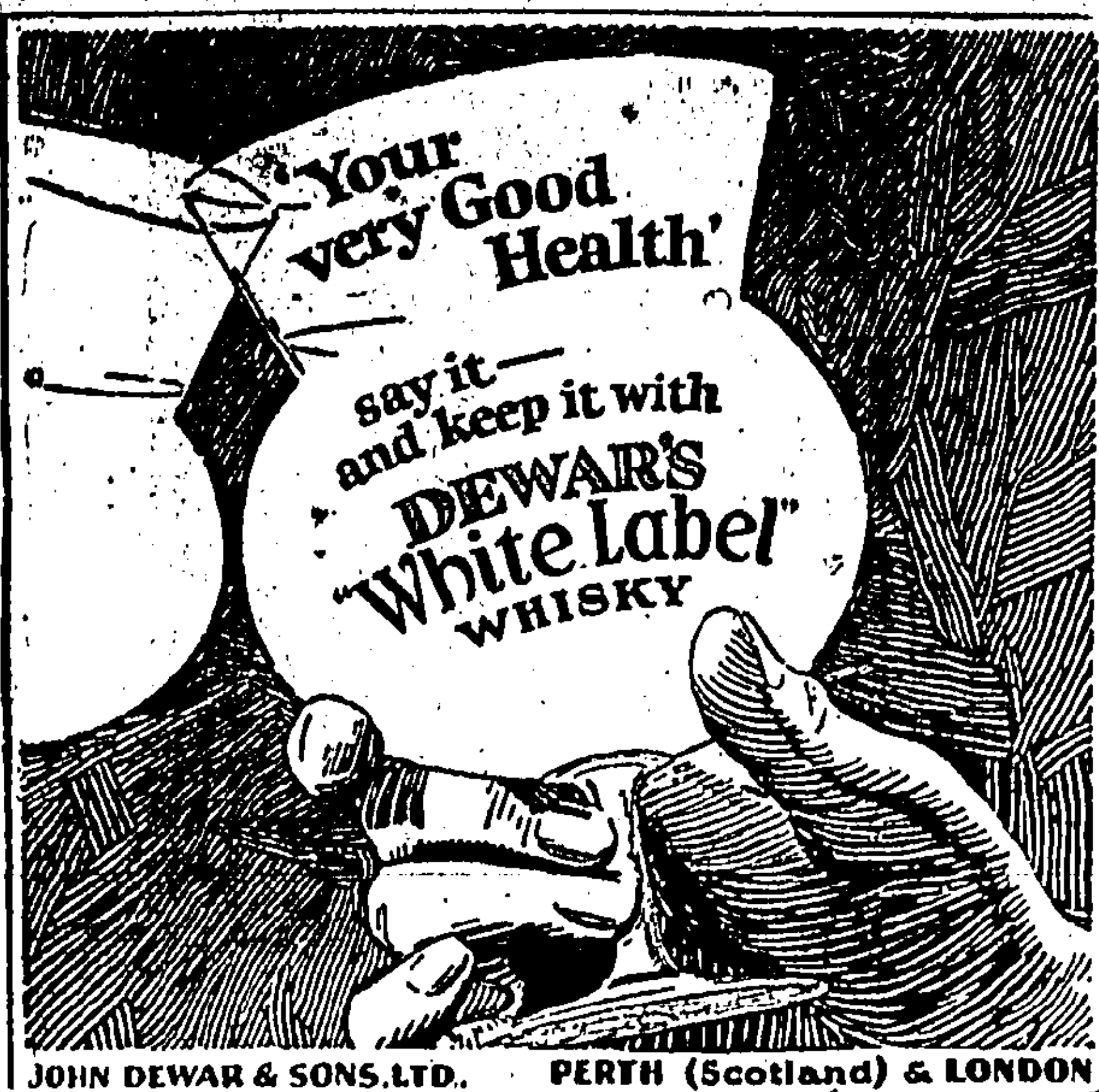
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The Hongkong Telegraph.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 1938.

HALF-WAY METHODS

One of the most interesting features in the report of the Commission which recently inquired into the existence of an alleged "rent ramp" in this Colony is the disclosure that in the past, if not at present, a great many persons who should not have attempted it invested what they could save and borrow in properties from which they hoped to earn a livelihood or at least augment their incomes. At first sight there seems to be no reason why such investments should be discouraged, principally because so large a part of the population is transient and a great part of the house-renting residents only remain here until their time of retirement, and consequently are unlikely to become home-owners. But a little thought will disclose the dangers inherent in such practice if it is allowed to become too widespread. If a man of average earnings and a few thousand dollars savings proposes to build a house and live in it, there is nothing to prevent him. In fact, it is a sensible sort of investment. But if a man borrows to build houses for rental and mortgages his property at 8 per cent. interest, he must obviously pass on that interest to his tenant before he can think about a profit. He is attempting to make borrowed money work for him. Basically, the plan is unsound. Apparently this sort of thing went on in Hongkong extensively prior to 1937. The Commission instances a company which lent money on mortgage and had to take over a large number of dwellings in 1937, though its loans were limited to two-thirds of the amount certified on valuation. Altogether the forty properties which reverted to the company in that year gave a net return of over four per cent. on the amount of loan advanced in only four cases and in number of cases less than two per cent. But was this the blow the Commission seems to think it? Obviously the amount invested in those forty properties originally must have been considerable. The company obtained them, apparently, at certainly not more than two-thirds their value, the limit of the mortgage loan. And so it would appear the company had not lost anything, though the Commission seemed to feel it had and that higher rentals were excusable.

There is another point in connection with the inquiry, which is made in the dark, so to speak. It is probable that the landlords who came forward to give evidence were not of the type against which complaints have been made. The landlord who is making big profits on his investment would not be likely to volunteer to tell the Commission that he had been enabled, because of the demand for accommodation, to raise rents by fifty or a hundred per cent. It seems that the inquiry, with all the sincerity in the world, could not very well have reached the seat of complaint without recourse to the useful instrument of subpoena. It is not right that the inquiry should stop before it has gone half-way towards the goal the public had in mind at its commencement.

In effect, the findings of the Commission are that among the landlords who came before them—who came before them, mark you—no instances were found of unfair advantages having been taken of tenants. But it has not yet been shown that there are not many tenants with reasonable complaints; in fact the evidence on every hand is to the contrary. True, there are good tenants and bad; those who deserve every consideration and those who merit no sympathy from anybody. Yet it seems a pity that there should be no machinery for the protection of all rent-payers from unscrupulous exploitation; and for the protection of the speculating landlord from the effects of his own temerity. Perhaps another Commission can find some solution. But it is not going to be accomplished in a week or a month. It is a big problem, worth the time and the expense of experts in housing.

The Commission gives another instance of a European company

Hongkong in THE GAY 'NINETIES

By
T. Paul Gregory

ONE of the most interesting and glamorous epochs of British history is that of the so-called "gay nineties," and this descriptive epithet may well be applied to life in Hongkong during that romantic decade from 1890-1900.

The Colony at this period had arrived at the state of full maturity, so to speak, and the majority of the inhabitants had sunk into the Victorian rut of smug respectability.

Yet, if we are to believe the contemporary accounts and place credence in the stories of older residents, we come to the conclusion that Hongkong must have been a pretty lively place after all, and that the belles and dandies of that buggy-riding age must have enjoyed themselves as hugely as any of our "flaming youth" of to-day.

Indeed, the spirit of those years was vastly different from now.

which rented flats at an average of \$120 monthly. In March, 1938, it increased rentals to \$170, or \$150 monthly on a year's lease. "The increase appears large," the Commission says, "but we were given figures to prove that the landlords had had to borrow at six per cent. and then at five per cent. to carry on their business, and had not been earning more than four per cent., and at one time less, from their property. The landlords satisfied us... that the net revenues estimated to be produced after the increase became effective amounted, given full occupation, to approximately six per cent. on capital outlay." Now, it is just here that the injustice to the tenant may creep in. Because of the landlord's financial difficulty he has to borrow on the property, and before he can show that six per cent. income he has apparently passed on the interest on his borrowing to the unfortunate tenant.

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There was more freedom in the literal sense, and people deported themselves with *verve* and *abandon* which seems at times to have outmoded our modern conceptions of propriety.

THE best illustration of the sentiments of those closing years of the last century may be gathered from a perusal of the old files of any of the local newspapers.

"Life in Hongkong," said a writer of that day, "is dull at best, but occasionally the weary monotony of our terrestrial sojourn is enlivened with a 'round' or two in a bar, a sensational 'chuck out' from a 'pub,' a tall bank swindle, a mysterious disappearance, an instance of the unfathomable intelligence of a jury in the Supreme Court, or a sensational 'affair' in the Police Court."

This quotation gives a fair idea of what was to be expected; for Hongkong at that day had the reputation of being the Far Eastern replica of San Francisco's Barbary Coast, whilst the odium was per adventure undeserved, yet there was much to attest the verity of such a candid assertion.

The area behind Wyndham Street, in the neighbourhood of Lyndhurst Terrace, was replete with questionable resorts.

One of these was a notorious "pub" which bore the rather high-sounding name of "The Land We Live In Hotel," but which the local residents with more truth than poetry dubbed a "rum shanty."

The Courts of the Colony were just as occupied in those days as now, although some of the sentences meted out would seem to us rather strange, as for example, one which echoes the Victorian sentiments of the law-abiding inhabitants which states that upon Monday, November 20, 1890, "two Europeans were fined one dollar each for being 'half-seas-over' on the Sabbath Day."

In another incident, related in the *Telegraph*, a Chinese woman who, whilst giving evidence in Court, made use of the expression *saan-kwai hong* which literally signifies "foreign devil's hong" in referring to the Victoria Hotel, was rebuked by the Magistrate and "properly and deservedly fined \$5 by His Worship."

The newspapers of the Colony, of those days were the *China Mail*, *Hongkong Telegraph*, and *Daily Press*, and they best illustrate the reckless abandon of the age.

It is, indeed, amazing to readers to realise that forty years ago newspapers were not the impersonal observers of the present day but were militant critics who did not hesitate to indulge in "muck raking."

Libel suits were frequent, and more than one Editor was on record as being unsuccessful defendants in a number of these legal encounters which are so meticulously avoided in our more sophisticated and *blase* age.

Moreover, there was not then an amiable camaraderie between editors of the rival papers, but each went at it "hammer and tongs" in unseemly attacks on the policies or activities of the other. In one instance, local paper characterised that of his rival as being "useful for a certain domestic purpose," whilst another was termed a "toadying rag" and the most contemptible and soul-less newspaper the Far East has yet seen."

The news items which filled the pages, however, must have been a delight to the Colony's residents as they were reported with a naivete which to-day is considered old-fashioned, such as the appended item taken at random from the *Telegraph* of Sept. 23, 1890:

"The case of Capt. Taylor's chair-cole versus Mr. Byramjee's big black dog was again before Mr. Wodehouse at the Magistrate's today, when his Worship dismissed it on the grounds that the owner was in no way to blame for the animal fixing his fangs into the calf of the unfortunate coole."

The cost of living in the Colony in the decade of the 'nineties was absurdly low, and there is no more fit criterion of the age than the following list of prices for liquors taken from newspaper advertisements of the period:

(Continued on Page 5.)

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Uncle Ned promised us a rear axle, Aunt Sue's giving us two wheels, Grandpa will give us his old tyres, and then we'll be all ready to start that holiday we planned."

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As the political machine goes into action in Northern Ireland, to Belfast's shabby, red-brick police offices will come three strong men to challenge and do battle with the secret forces of the I.R.A.

ONLY recently I.R.A. were busy. A man called Smyth now lies in the Royal Victoria Hospital in Belfast with four I.R.A. bullets in his body. His "crime" is that formerly he was a prison warden with supervisions of political offenders.

Since 1932 eighteen killers have gone free. The Royal Ulster Constabulary are watching the border for in-coming gunmen, and every one of

Ulster's 3,000 police officers carries a six-chambered Webley revolver. Five chambers are always loaded; by regulation the top chamber opposite the hammer must be empty.

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They can jail one for refusal to answer questions about the I.R.A. More than thirty suspects are at present in jail in Belfast, and periodical raids are carried out by City Commissioner Harrison and his lieutenants.

WORKING for I.R.A. are young girls, wives and sweethearts of the plain-clothed soldiers. That is why in Belfast and some of the larger towns cheap dance halls are used as I.R.A. centres.

Police raided one hall recently. They lined up and frisked the men. The girls stood by shouting slogans.

In some districts people are more afraid of the outlaw army than of the police or court penalties, because revenge by the I.R.A. is patient but complete.

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When the R.U.C. rush to the street they find that there is little information to get. Yes, a shot was heard. No, they had not seen any one running away. Yes, it was a bad business shooting a man down on his way home. And that may be about all. Even although later the police offer £1,000 reward. When the I.R.A. guns speak often the rest is silence.

John Redfern

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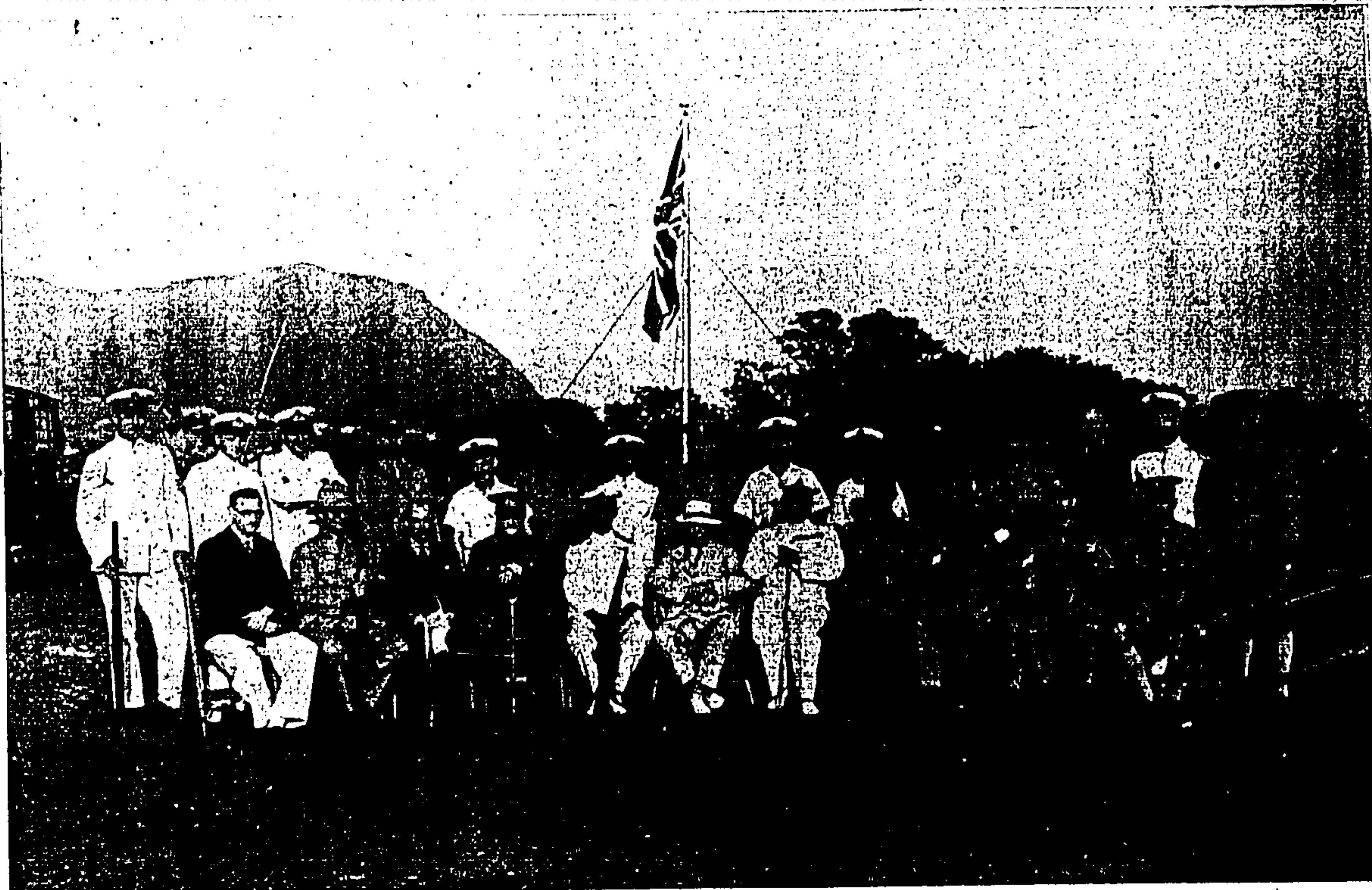
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HIS EXCELLENCY AT THE BISLEY MEETING



HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR at the Bisley Meeting at the Kowloon Ranges this week. He is accompanied by Major G. P. Murray, Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Rifle Association.—Ming Yuen.



OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH taken at the conclusion of the 1938 Bisley Meeting in Hongkong. His Excellency the Governor is seated in the centre, front row.—Ming Yuen.



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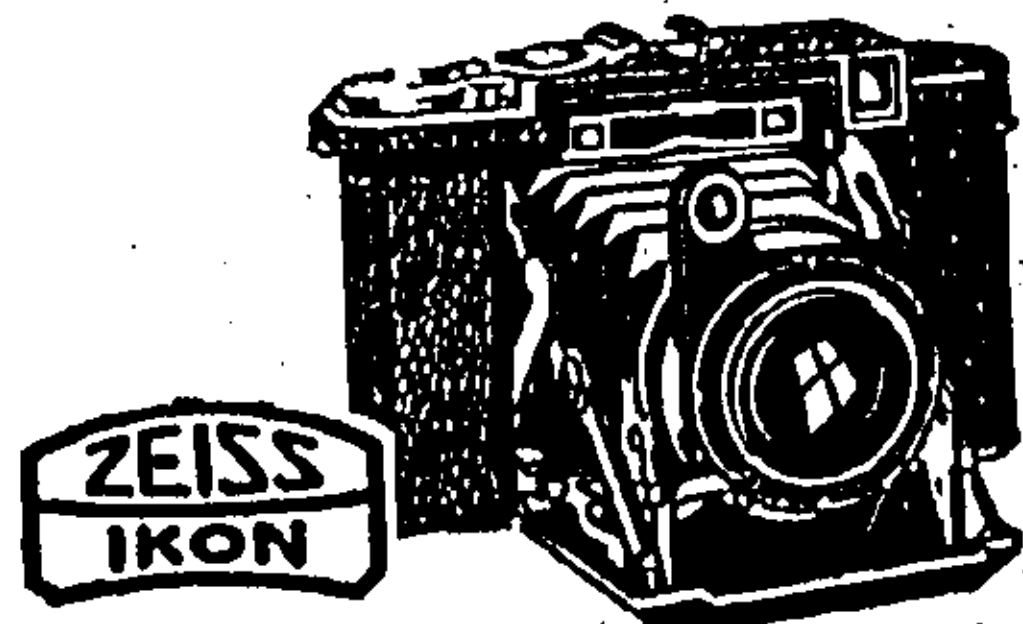
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To put it another way: pictures do not exist in a scene but only in the trained eye that can select and single out that which is interesting and good.

Few persons beginning to use a camera would think of a railroad yard as a place to find beauty. But one photographer has become world-famous for pictures made just there.

He works when the air is crisp, when a locomotive's exhaust steam rises upward in a great white plume. This steam, contrasting with the black of the engine, forms a focal point in each of his pictures. He selects his viewpoint so that the rails, curving away from the locomotive, are highlighted in long, silvery white lines; lines so arranged that they form his picture's compositional framework. Wherever possible, he includes a framing of dark foliage

to give his picture depth and he likes to work when there is mist or fog in the distance so that far-away buildings or figures are reduced to soft, dim outlines.

The objects this photographer works with are not appealing. They are dirty, sooty, ugly. But his pictures are beautiful because he has trained his eyes to see, to select, to arrange, to recognize mood and atmosphere—in brief, by the use of his creative imagination to extract beauty from ugliness.

There is magic in photography like this but it is magic open to all. It calls for no wizard's wand but only thought and feeling and the application of your imagination to commonplace things. Kitchen pots and pans are not pretty but I have seen pictures of a group of them, rhythmically arranged and lighted so that their textures were emphasized, that were beautiful. Old shoes are not attractive but I have seen a picture of a pair wet and dripping beside an umbrella in a hall corner, so photographed that they contained all the essence of rainy Autumn.

Fellow Guild member, beauty is not over the next hilltop, down the next road—it is inside you. But you must train yourself to bring it out.

John van Guilder.

SOLUTIONS

NOW YOU KNOW

- 1.—A small planet.
- 2.—An unlucky accident.
- 3.—Japan.
- 4.—20.
- 5.—20.
- 6.—Robert Louis Stevenson.
- 7.—Summer, autumn, winter, spring.
- 8.—A French statesman.
- 9.—One hectometre.
- 10.—China, leased to Great Britain.
- 11.—Palindromes.
- 12.—Live in a cave.
- 13.—Living in a confined space.
- 14.—A bread and lentil potage.
- 15.—Anne Boleyn.
- 16.—Strained instrument.
- 17.—Twangs the strings with his fingers.
- 18.—Nimbus.
- 19.—Nourishing.
- 20.—Yes, United States of Mexico and United States of Brazil.
- 21.—A female entertainer.
- 22.—Popple.
- 23.—Trent Bridge.
- 24.—100.
- 25.—XIX equals 19; take one away and XX (20) remains.

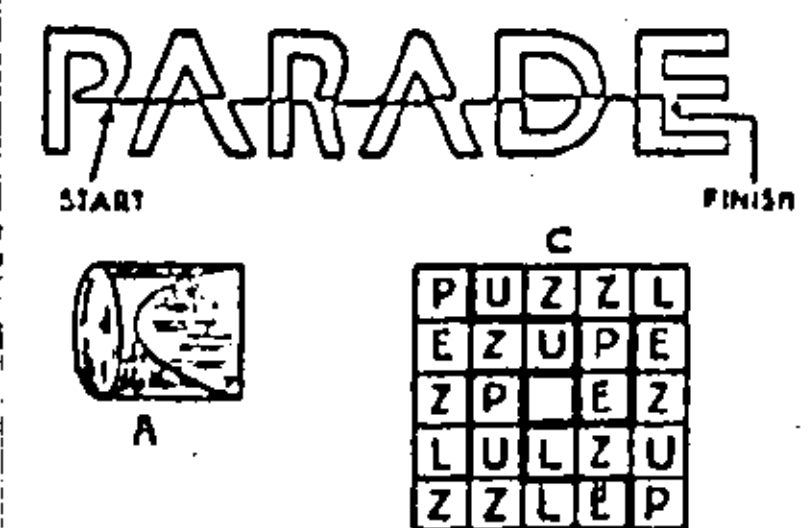
SILENT WITNESS

Playfair suspected that the hands, as put back on the table, had been hurriedly "reconstructed." Seven Spades had apparently been played, together with the Queen of Hearts; and since each player still had a Spade in his hand, whoever had played the Queen of Hearts had revoked. Among expert players it could hardly happen that so conspicuous a revoke, at the very beginning of a deal, would be allowed to pass unchallenged; therefore, Playfair traced the hands as exhibited were faked. This meant that the players had something to hide.

Further investigation proved his suspicions to be well-founded. Philip turned King's Evidence, and ultimately Gallenbane received eighteen months for manslaughter and Mackenzie six months as accessory.

DIVERSIONS

One Piece of Wood.—See Diagram ("A"). The plug is a cylinder, the same diameter as the round hole, its length equal to the side of the square hole, and its corners shaved off to fit into the triangular hole.



Ring the Changes.—Move the counters in the following order and you will have ROBEY correctly spelled: HONEYDEWPOPPY.

On the Level.—The possible number of ways of reading LEVEL is 80. Dividing the Square.—See Diagram ("C").

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BRESLAU University gave Brahms an honorary doctorate. Brahms returned the compliment by writing a vivacious overture full of the tunes of students' songs. It goes under the name of the Academic Festival Overture. It is festive, right enough. How little academic it is, in the accepted sense of that stultifying word, the new H.M.V. record serves to show. The orchestra is the Vienna Philharmonic, the

ADMIRERS of the Vienna Boys' Choir will find some pretty singing on the new Columbia waltz record, "Tales from the Vienna Woods." There is also a new Regal made by George Formby called "Like the Big Pots do," in which the latest pronouncement is made on the vexed question of table manners. S. C.

A Lay Sermon

By HUGH REDWOOD

HERE is a great promise, turning on an "if." If thou wilt walk, I will give thee the places to walk; this is its essence, vastly comforting to those who doubt if God has a place or a work for them. But read the verse; it is told that, keeping God's charge, he will be permitted to judge his house, to keep his courts, and to walk "among these that stand by."

Places to walk. ZECHARIAH iii, 7. What does it mean? Is the promise to Joshua or to all, for now or hereafter? It is, I believe, an

assurance of fuller understanding to all through holiness. The sinner cleansed will learn God's statutes and in his appointed place be allowed to administer his laws. That is coming to God and seeing the Kingdom. And who are "these that stand by"? Ask the writer of Psalm xci, 11; ask the young man whose eyes were opened (2 Kings vi, 17); turn to Hebrews xii, and read of the cloud of witnesses and the innumerable company of angels. Of this much, at least, be sure: walking in God's appointed places, we shall not walk in loneliness.

DOGBERRY AT PLAY

News From Cuckooland

By A Correspondent

CUCKOOLAND, in this year of grace, is undoubtedly on the crest of the wave; internally prosperous and externally feared and/or honoured by all the leading Powers.

Interviews which I have had recently with exponents of Cuckooland opinion completely confirmed this impression.

Mr. Neville Cuckoo, the Prime Minister, said: "Cuckooland is terribly strong. Our sole objective is, of course, world peace. We believe wholeheartedly in the League of Nations and are doing all we can for it, short of allow it to function. In respect of foreign relations we have nothing to fear. We are cautiously pressing onwards in all directions."

Sir John Cuckoo, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said: "The national revenue is buoyant. We should not know what to do with our surplus, were it not for the claims of national defence. We have the jolliest battleships. Rearmament, I should add, is solving the unemployment problem: we shall soon, all of us, be busy making shells. Our objective is world peace."

Lord Halicoo, Foreign Secretary, said: "Everyone is making advances to us. We are terribly strong. Our foreign policy is on the march. We shall soon, I hope, be allied with everyone against everyone else. If we make concessions it will not be from weakness, but in a spirit of pure bonhomie. Our objective is world peace."

Mr. J. L. Cuckoo, publicist, said: "The mask is off; the die is cast. We stand at the parting of the ways. General Franco is a great gentleman; I wish we had him in our Government."

The Bishop of Cuckoobury said: "We are making a stand against the forces of world anarchy. Rearmament is a Christian duty. Our objective is world peace."

Mr. George Bernard Cuckoo, wit and heretic, said, with a hearty chuckle: "They say we get the Government we deserve. I didn't know we deserved this one, but one learns a lot as one gets older."

Miss Gracie Cuckoo, national idol, said: "Ba gum, lad, everything's

gradely. Who cares about politics, anyway? T'coostomer's always right."

SELECTION WEEK

THE boss-word this week is selection. Our Test match selectors have been selected, and I won't say a word about them. I'd rather eat one of Mrs. Hamhandle's omelettes than criticise a cricketer.

But take a look around. Take Italy. There the selectors, presumably, are Messrs. Mussolini and Ciano. Their job is to select the next batch of "volunteers" for evacuation into Spain.

Take Russia. Selectors: Messrs. Stalin and Stalin. Their job is to select that "plot" of the next instalment of Moscow's non-stop thriller. My forecast is that Messrs. Stalin and Stalin will turn out to be Trotsky in disguise and that the chap in Mexico is in fact a member of the British Secret Service.

(Which, Muriel, is the finest in the world.)

Or take Germany. Selectors: Messrs. Himmler and Goering. Their task: to select the concentration camp in which Pastor Niemöller will enjoy his new-found liberty.

What a busy happy place the world is!

Unbelievers



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---"RAN INTO A DOOR!"



FRANKLY, WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE WORLD'S COMING TO... THE SANTA CLAUS STORY IS LAUGHED AT AND IF YOU TELL THE YOUNG ONES ABOUT THE COY JUMPING OVER THE MOON, THEY SMILE AND THINK YOU'RE HALF-WITTED.

---AND WERE EXPECTED TO BELIEVE THAT THE DOG UNDERSTANDS EVERYTHING WE SAY... WE HAVE TO SPELL THE WORDS IF WE WANT TO SPEAK PRIVATELY!"



VIGNETTES OF LIFE

By J. NORMAN LYND



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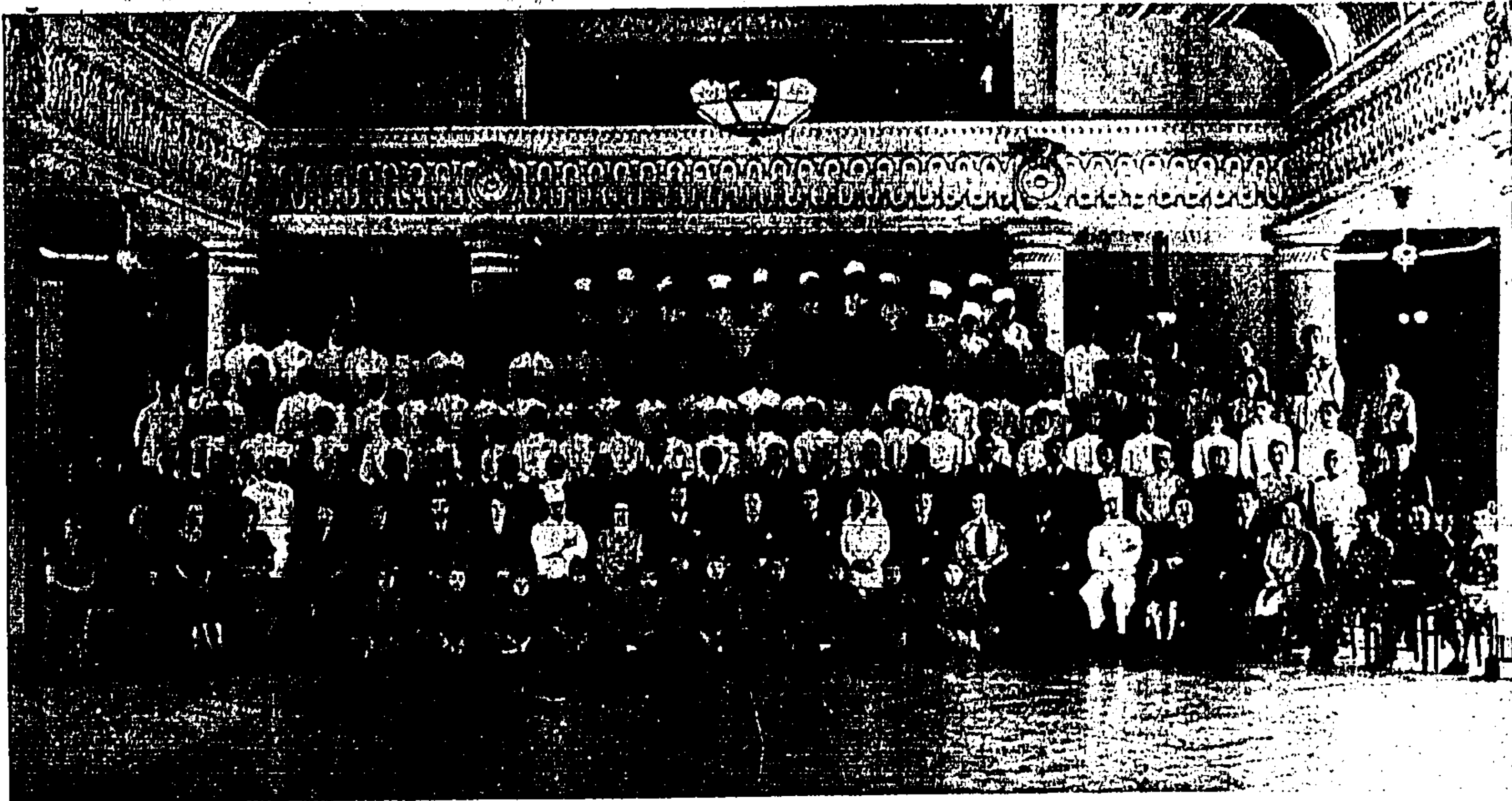
J. NORMAN LYND.



WHEN SOME ONE TELLS HOW HIS PARTY COULD BALANCE THE BUDGET, REDUCE TAXES AND BUILD NEW ROADS, BRIDGES AND SCHOOLS, THERE'S ALWAYS SOME UNBELIEVER MAKING UNCOOUTH NOISES

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WEEK-END PHOTOGRAPHS OF LOCAL INTEREST



MEMBERS OF THE STAFF OF THE PENINSULA HOTEL, photographed in the Rose Room prior to the departure for England on leave of Mr. A. K. Dimond, the popular Manager.—Mee Cheung.



CHRISTENING CEREMONY at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Farmer, of the Douglas Steamship Company.—Ming Yuen.



CHILDREN'S PARTY held at Stanley recently had the Rev. H. W. Baines as the kiddies Guest of Honour. The party was given by Dr. and Mrs. G. Shaw.—Ming Yuen.



INTERNATIONAL ENMITIES ARE FORGOTTEN in the work of succouring the dying and wounded in times of war. This photograph shows a group of Chinese nurses aiding Japanese doctors in a field hospital in North China.



HEADQUARTERS WING athletes of the First Battalion, the Middlesex's, winners of the 1937-38 Athletic Shield.



ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL was the venue for the christening last Sunday of Robert William, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Banks, of Tsun Wan.—Mee Cheung.



ON GUARD IN SHANGHAI.—Immediately after their arrival in Shanghai from Hongkong, the Seaforth Highlanders commenced routine duty. This photograph shows a private on guard in the International Settlement.



VOTING FOR THE "ANSCHLUSS." This photograph, taken aboard the German steamer Friederun, shows a German resident of Hongkong in the act of casting his vote during last Sunday's plebiscite.—Staff Photographer.

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Today 16 million Jews will keep the Passover

NINETEEN hundred years ago Jesus Christ celebrated the Last Supper—a simple meal of roast lamb, bread, and wine. To-night His compatriots, the Jews, will eat similar fare.

The last meal of Christ's life, some believe, was eaten on the eve of Passover, the Hebrew celebration of the last, and worst, of the Ten Plagues of Egypt; when the Lord smote the firstborn of the pursuing Egyptians, but "passed over" the doors of the Jews who had splashed on their lintels the blood of the sheep on which they fed.

To-day at noon the head of every Orthodox Jewish house will search every room in his home for leaven. All he finds will be burned. For the bread eaten in Jewish homes to-night and to-morrow is unleavened bread—now baked in thin discs called matzas.

The Paschal lamb that Jesus ate has to-day dwindled from an entire beast into a symbolic shank-bone joint, roasted in the traditional fashion, in the embers of the fire. The ritual bitter herbs are still eaten, and the ritual charoset—a sort of forcemeat ball compounded of apples, almonds, spice, and a pinch of brick-dust in memory of the time when the Jews made bricks without straw for Pharaoh.

Wine is drunk by the celebrants, leaning on the left side. In the old days people reclined on the right side to leave the sword on the left hip free. They lay on their left sides only when they were assuredly at peace.

Nineteen hundred years ago Passover and Good Friday were only one day away, as some reckon; or two as others count. To-day they are one day more distant.

The exact relation of the Christian fast and the Jewish feast at the time of the First Easter is a matter of deep controversy.

St. Mark says (Chapter 14) that Jesus was actually celebrating Passover Eve at the Last Supper. This would mean that Passover fell on Good Friday—which is impossible, because no Jewish feast can fall on the eve of their Sabbath (Saturday).

It would mean also that the Jews, from Calophas, the High Priest, down to the rabble, could not have been in the streets during the Trial and the Crucifixion because they would all have been in synagogue or in their homes.

Another view, supported by St. John (Chapter 18), is that the Last Supper was held on the day before Passover Eve.

ACCUSE BRITISH MISSIONARIES

Charged With Exploiting
Chinese Refugees

Peking. The Japanese spokesman to-day charged that British missionaries at Linfen, in Shansi province, were exploiting Chinese war refugees by taking unreasonable "profits" from them in board and rent fees.

The spokesman said that 30 Chinese cents was charged monthly for rent and 25 cents for food. He asserted that many Chinese refugees left the British camp to go to the free Japanese camp after the Japanese troops occupied the town.

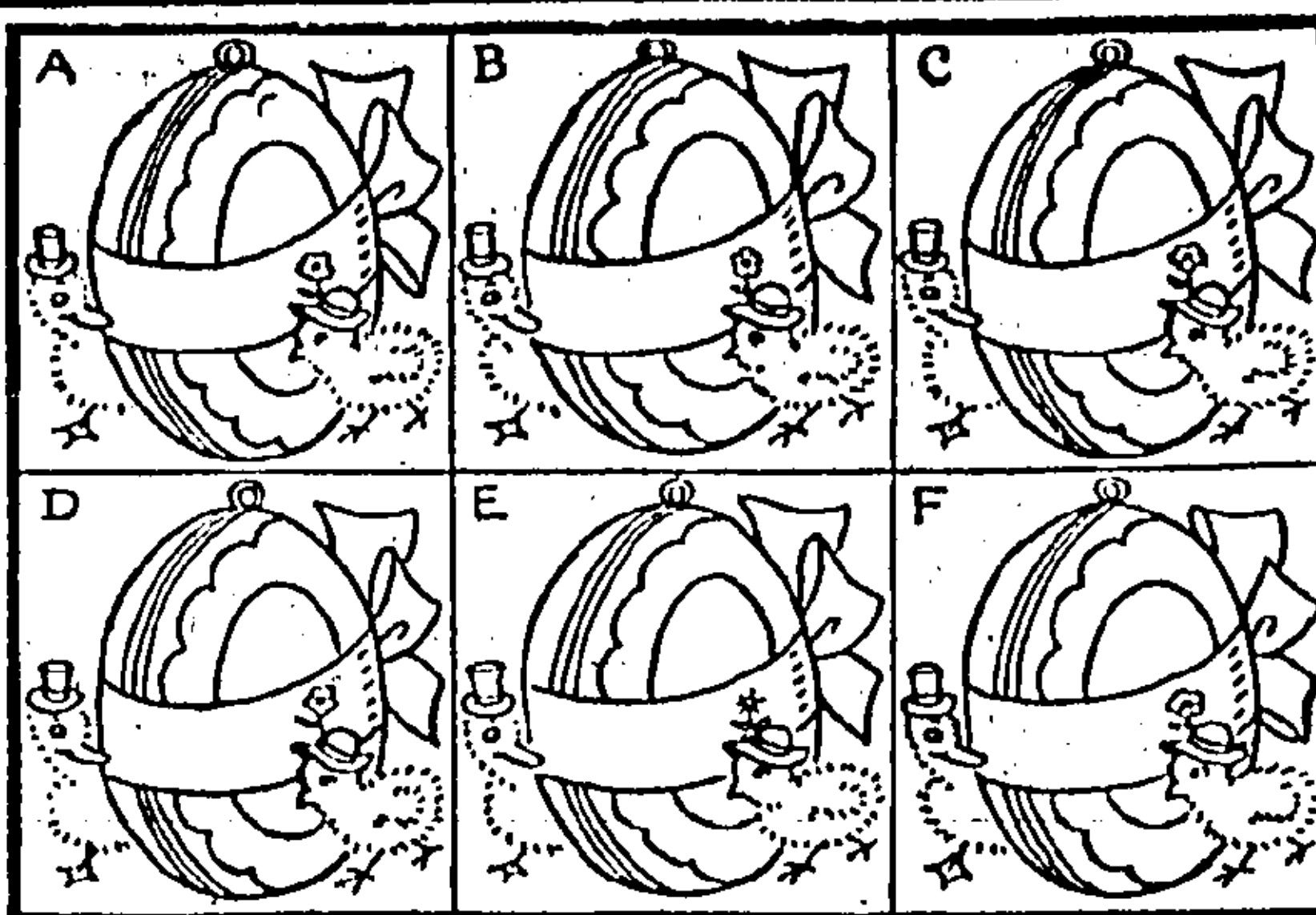
He added that, previously, the British missionaries allegedly attempted to "inspire in the Chinese refugees fear of the Japanese troops."

The spokesman said little regarding the fighting in Shantung province. However, he insisted that the Japanese troops had completed the occupation of Talerichwang.

The local Chinese newspapers have been forbidden to print any reports of the past or future movements of Wang Keh-min, the president of the North China provisional government's Executive Yuan who was recently attacked by an alleged would-be assassin.

The official Domei Japanese news agency's Chinese service announced that a special car carrying Chinese police, Chinese gendarmes and two machine-guns will accompany Wang Keh-min wherever he goes henceforth.

Girls' and Boys' Corner



This is all my own work

Name Age

Dear Kiddies,
Judging from the very few entries received this week, I think you do not like hard competitions like essays or stories. But, you know, it is not really fair to shy away from hard work like that. An essay is a competition which you must do yourself with no help from your parents. I am very pleased with the kiddies who did enter this competition and a wee bit disappointed with the others who failed to write an essay.

Two of you sent in quite good essays, but with no names or ages. Unfortunately, they had to be taken out of the competition. So please remember another time that you must let me know your name, age and address.

The prizes this week go to:—
Yseult Cooper (aged 12), Claremont Hotel, Kowloon and Klaus Hummel (aged 8½), 3 Sassoon Road, Hongkong.

Coupons are being sent to Yseult and Klaus. I want you to bring these coupons to the "Hongkong Telegraph" offices where they will be exchanged for money prizes.

I want to thank all my nieces and nephews who sent me their best Easter greetings. It was very thoughtful of you.

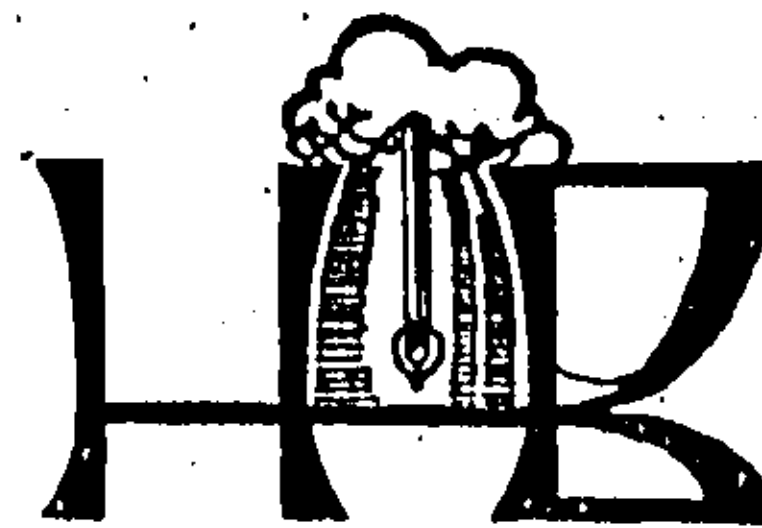
Specially commended for sending in good essays are Betty Sainsbury, Doris Toy, Joyce Leong, Maggie Cheng, Wong Chiu-yung and Audrey Ablong.

Audrey Ablong: Thanks for your good wishes. I would love to have a doll named after me. I have told Auntie Abigail about her namesake and she is very pleased.

This week we are having an Easter colouring and puzzle competition. In the picture shown above, only two drawings are identical—can you see which they are? When you have decided, leave those two pictures white and colour the other four as gaily as you can with your paints or crayons. Then fill in the name, age and address coupon and send to Uncle Eddie, c/o "Hongkong Telegraph", Wyndham Street before 4 p.m. on Wednesday. Remember that if you fail to send in the coupon you must be disqualified. One coupon, of course, can do for two or more members of a family.

Best of luck, and good wishes for the Easter holidays,

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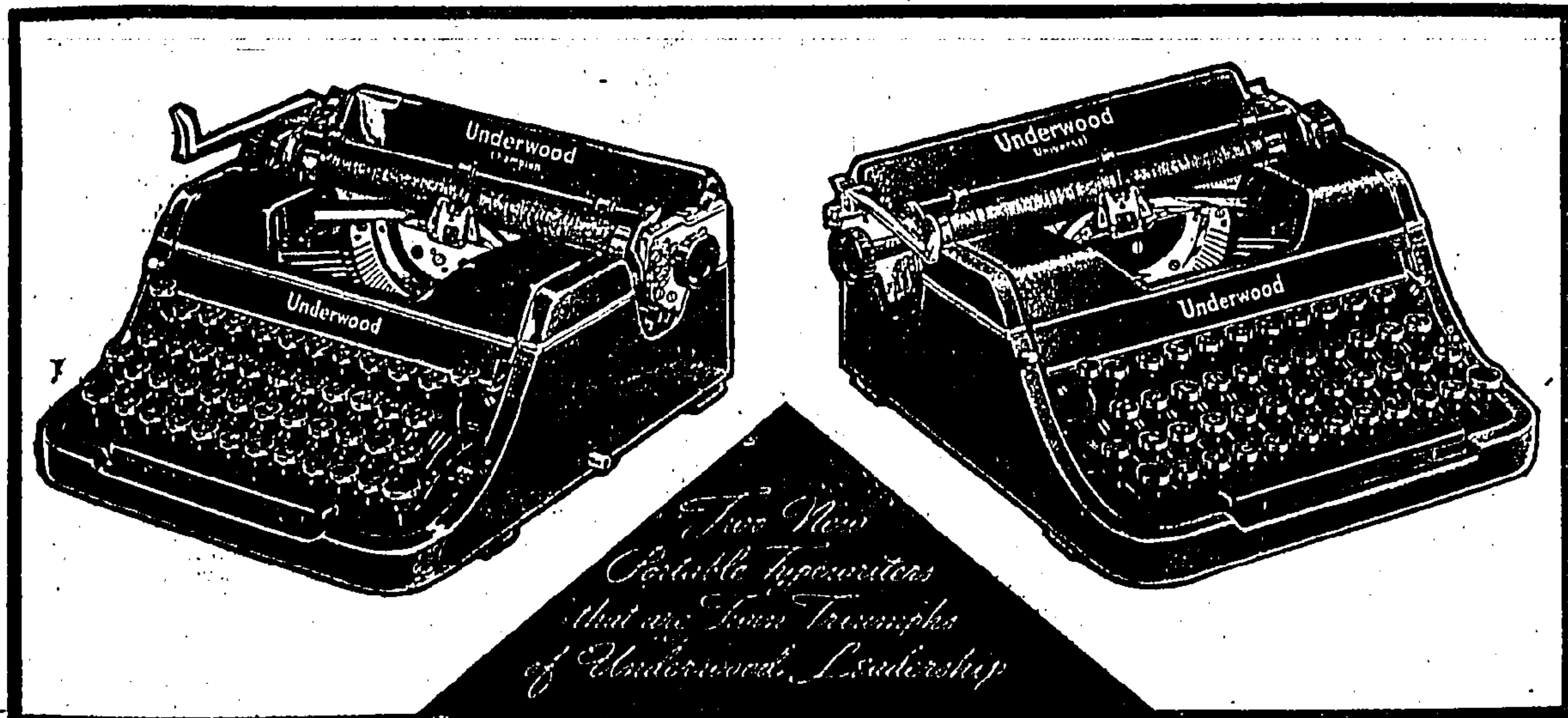
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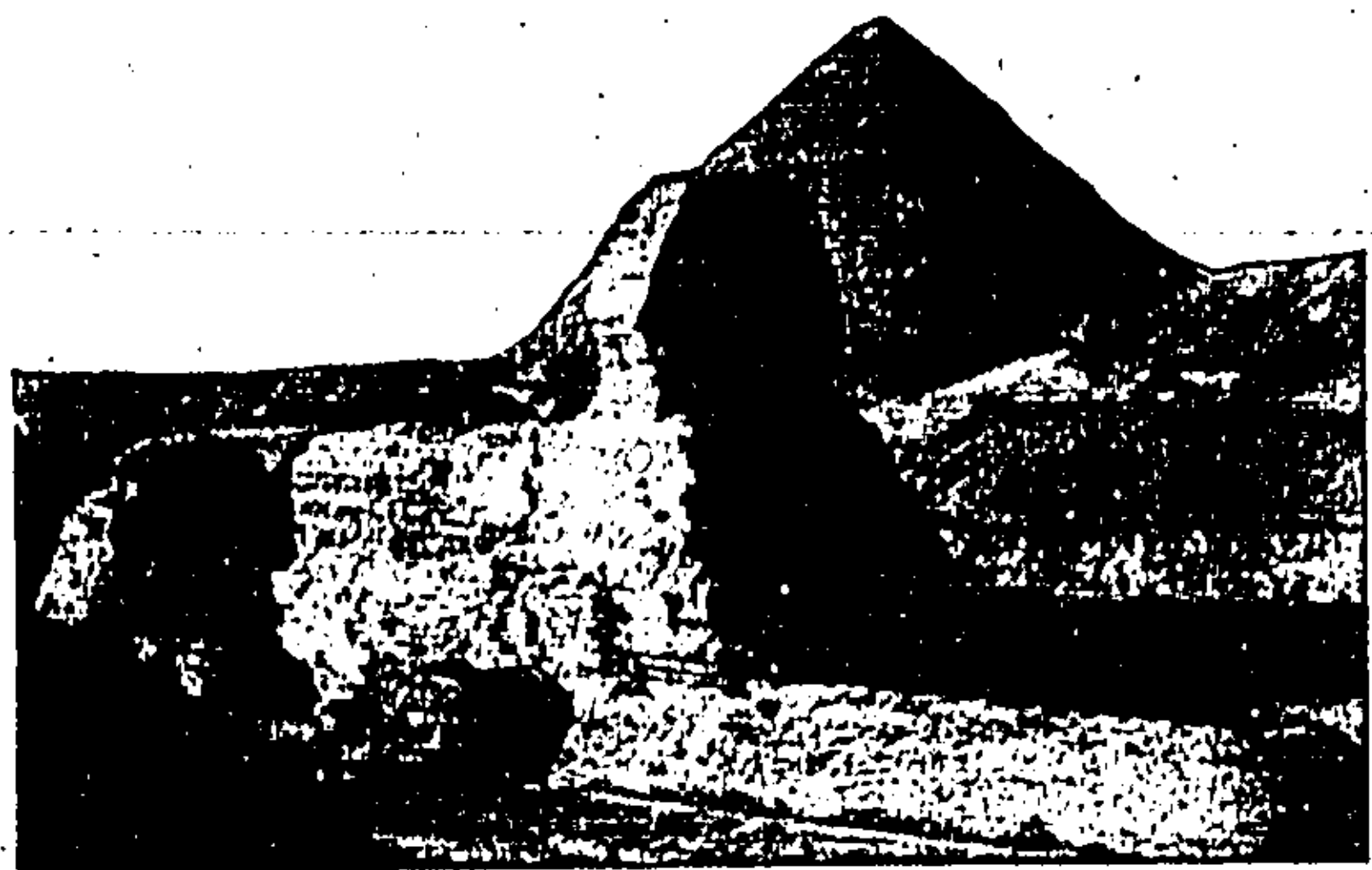
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EASTER

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Jerusalem

In far-off Jerusalem, at this season of the year, divergent creeds gather to perform their various rites,—Jewish, Moslem, Catholic, Greek Orthodox.

AS IN olden times, Passover Week is still the outstanding season of the year in the Holy City. It is marked for its sacred reminiscences in connection with the varied religious ceremonies of Jews, Oriental Christians, Catholics, Protestants, and Moslems. The great influx of Jews who have been coming during the last few years at the rate of 60,000 annually from all corners of the globe, bringing with them the costumes and habits of their environment in the Diaspora, add to the kaleidoscopic picture of these festive days. Motley crowds throng the narrow streets of the city of David on such occasions. Doubtless such was the case at the time of the antitypical Passover when Christ breathed His last on the cross of Calvary to redeem a world lost in sin; as was foreshadowed during that fateful night of the Exodus when the children of Israel were enjoined to slay the lamb and "take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper doorpost of the houses."

Easter time is at present the tourist season, when it may be said of the Jews, as in ancient times, that they are coming "out of every nation under heaven." One important element, however, has been missing since the World War—some 20,000 Russian pilgrims who were conspicuous in the religious ceremonies for their childlike devotion. They were also a considerable source of revenue to the clergy and their retinue, who are now having a difficult time to gain their livelihood and to keep the deserted churches in repair in the hope of better days when present restrictions will be removed in Russia. The banks of the Jordan no longer resound with the ecstatic joy of these devotees as they used to wind up their pilgrimage with a spectacular dip into its gray and sluggish floods to symbolize the baptism administered by John.

On the eve of Maundy Thursday, groups of the different religious bodies proceed to the Garden of Gethsemane, where services are held in the churches or in the open air in memory of Christ's agony,—services which, in the bright moonlight of these nights are quite impressive. Good Friday and the Sabbath following, religious processions wind their way through the Via Dolorosa, the passion way trod by the Master, past Pilate's judgment hall, the house of Caiaphas, the high priest, toward Calvary, to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. The seventh station on this road marks the place where the cross was laid on Simon, the Cyprian, the father of Alexander and Rufus. At some distance is the house of Veronica, who, according to a quite unreliable tradition, wiped the Saviour's face and, as a result, retained the sacred image in her kerchief.

TWO CROSSES

Among the procession we notice that moving scene of five select men bearing a heavy cross, while there is

a similar group of women carrying one of lighter make. Helena, mother of the Emperor Constantine, claimed to have found the original cross of Christ during her visit to Jerusalem in the early part of the fourth century. The two crosses are then deposited at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, since very early times believed to be the site of Golgotha.

This Church of the Holy Sepulchre is most prominent of all, as it is here that the ceremonies centre. It has a long and varied record. Built on a magnificent scale by Constantine the Great, the first Roman emperor to embrace Christianity, under the auspices of Macarius, Bishop of Jerusalem in the years 327-336, it was destroyed by fire in 614, during the ravages of the Persians; but it was soon after restored on much smaller proportions. In later years, the church has suffered repeatedly a similar fate, the most notable being the destruction of the Holy Sepulchre by the Caliph Hakim of Egypt in the year 1010, thus forming a principal cause of the crusades to the Holy Land. It was rebuilt by the crusaders, and though suffering in the succeeding centuries violent damage which was always repaired, it has remained on the whole as then constructed. During recent years there has been considerable anxiety as to the state of this structure so that, following very careful survey by different experts, elaborate repairs and reinforcements have been effected, rather unsightly to the eye, so as to avoid any possible danger threatened by its defective condition.

WHERE WAS THE TOMB?

The controversy regarding the authenticity of this site as marking the real burial place of Christ has not abated. The main objection is that the building is located, it is claimed, within the ancient city walls, while Calvary, the place of the crucifixion, and also the tomb of Joseph Arimathea must obviously have been situated without. There is no doubt that, according to the Scriptures, Christ was to die outside the city walls; and it is also certain that the Jews at the time of Jesus did not permit of any dead being buried within the city walls.

In modern times the opinion seems to be growing, not without reason, ever, who there in the possession of this ancient sanctuary, that what is known as the "Garden Tomb" is more likely to be the genuine spot. It was General Gordon, who fell in battle in the Sudan in 1885, who discovered quite incidentally during his visit to Jerusalem in 1893 that opposite the city wall, by a Moham-medan cemetery, there was a little hill having the shape of a skull, showing on the front side quite clearly the outlines of a face. Later, excavations in the rear have led to the unearthing of an unfinished tomb hewn in the rock. This is the only



The site of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ on Golgotha, the Hill of the Skull, as seen from the walls of Jerusalem. It was somewhere on the little knoll where the sheep are feeding that Jesus was put to death.

In this location. It was evidently in a garden, and all the details associated with the story of the burial and the events that transpired on the resurrection morning seem to fit in naturally in this environment.

THE HOLY LAND

Doubtless it was never intended, as in the case of Moses, that the actual grave should be known with certainty, lest it be turned into a shrine of idolatrous worship, and thus detract from the great fact of the Christian faith which does not centre around a tomb but around that fundamental truth of a risen Saviour. Thus every inch may then be considered sanctified ground, where He trod to minister in behalf of those in need of physical and spiritual healing. With the many vicissitudes through which the Holy City passed since those glorious days, it is inspiring to contemplate the fact that many of the outstanding features prominent in the life story of Jesus as connected with Jerusalem are still in evidence. One of the most impressive experiences of the writer is to sit upon the Mount of Olives—which has not changed, except for its barrenness—and look across the Cedron valley, which is also the valley of Jehoshaphat, or of decision, to the place where once stood that magnificent temple, now occupied by the Mosque of Omar, while passing in review before the mind's eye the triumphal march of Christ as He rode up from Jericho amid the rejoicing of the people.

WALTER K. ISING.

WOMAN'S SEARCH FOR PANDAS

THIRD TRIP TO CHINA

New York. Mrs. William Harkness, the Chicago millionaire, who has already brought two live baby pandas from the bamboo jungles of the remote Szechwan province on the Tibetan borders of China, is now planning a third expedition. She is undaunted by the dangers of travelling in such war-torn territory.

Her two pandas, named Diana and Meimei, both females, which were the first ever to be exported alive from their native habitat, are now lodged in the Chicago Zoo. The object of the new expedition, sponsored by the Zoo, is to find a male with whom the two females can be mated.

Little Meimei arrived safely at Chicago after a 16,000 mile journey in a cage. She was captured by Chinese hunters in the Samulin mountains as a tiny cub only a foot long, weighing 6lb.



Greater Danger

FROM TOOTH DECAY AS AGE ADVANCES

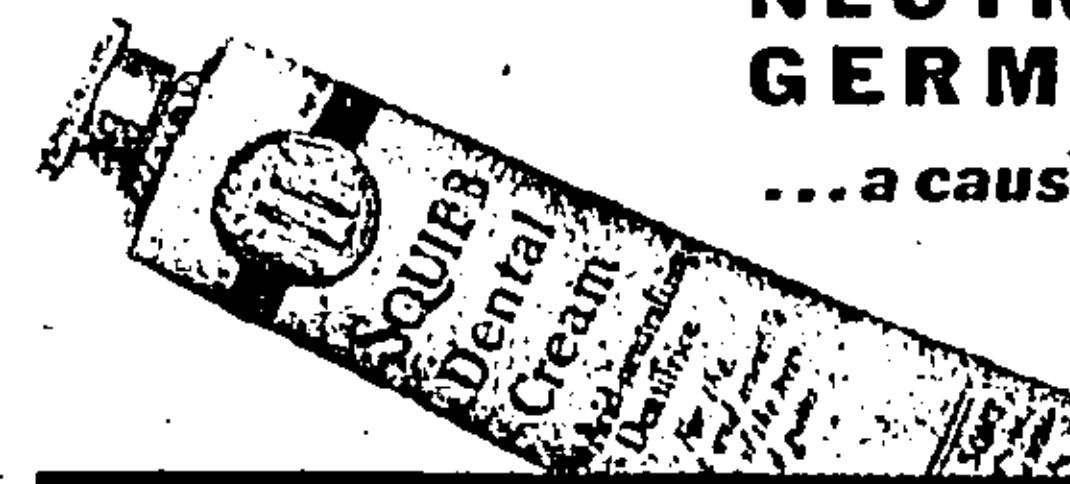
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SEVERAL UPSETS IN ENGLISH FOOTBALL LEAGUE

SURPRISE FOR ARSENAL AT HIGHBURY

WOLVES NOW NEARER TO THE LEAGUE LEADERS

London, Apr. 15. Arsenal's hopes of winning the First Division Championship of the English Football League received a rude jolt in the Good Friday programme to-day when, playing at Highbury, they were defeated by Brentford by two goals to nil.

The Wolves took advantage of Arsenal's slip to narrow down the gap between the two teams. At home to Leicester City, the Wolves had a good day, scoring ten times to the visitors' solitary goal.

Manchester City continue to slip. Against Bolton, they were beaten by the odd goal despite the advantage of playing before their own supporters.

Manchester United lost ground in the Second Division as the result of their defeat by Burnley, who a few days ago trounced Aston Villa. Sheffield United kept themselves in the championship race by scoring an away win over Tottenham.

Supporters of Millwall also had a shock. The Third Division (South) leaders were at home to Swindon, but were robbed of the points, the visitors winning by two clear goals. Queen's P.R., Millwall's closest rivals, earned a draw playing away to Clapton Orient.

Tramrover increased their lead over Doncaster in the Northern Section following their away win over Southport by 3-1. Doncaster, at home, failed to take full points from Halifax and had to be content with a draw.

Results of to-day's matches follow:

FIRST DIVISION

Arsenal	0	Brentford	2
Birmingham	2	West Ham	1
Blackpool	1	Charlton	0
Chelsea	0	Preston N. E.	2
Everton	3	Sunderland	3
Grimsby	1	Portsmouth	0
Manchester C.	1	Bolton	2
Middlesbrough	1	Liverpool	1
Wolves	10	Leicester	1

LEAGUE TABLE

The following are the leading positions:									
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.		
Arsenal	37	10	9	10	68	40	45		
Wolves	35	18	8	9	65	44	44		
Preston	35	15	13	8	61	41	43		
Charlton	35	15	11	9	57	40	41		
Brentford	37	17	7	13	64	52	41		

SECOND DIVISION

Burnley	1	Manchester U.	0
Bury	1	Stockport	3
Chesham	0	Bradford	3
Fulham	1	Southampton	0
Newcastle	0	Norwich	1
Notts F.	1	Luton	1
Tottenham	1	Sheffield U.	2
West Ham	0	Plymouth	1

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

The following are the leading positions:									
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.		
Sheffield U.	38	21	8	10	60	50	48		
Aston Villa	34	20	7	7	58	27	47		
Manchester U.	37	19	8	10	71	40	46		
Coventry	36	18	10	8	58	39	46		

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

Aldershot	1	Southend	0
Bournemouth	5	Mansfield	4
Brighton	1	Torquay	1

"Capt. Foster" Makes His Selections

Ten Races At To-Day's Meet

There are ten races down for to-day's meeting and my selections are as follows:

MIR'S BAY HANDICAP

Desert Chief
King's Warden
Bear Claw

HONGHAM BAY HANDICAP

Red Feather
Rob Roy
Honeycomb Eve

ST. GEORGE'S PLATE

Cameronian
Moonlight View
Jobber

ROSEHILL STAKES

Bredon
King's Privilege
Macquarie River

DEEP BAY HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION)

King's Bounty
Humdrum Eve
Laughing Girl

CALLIOPE HANDICAP

Katinka
Vixen Tor
Annabella

GIN DRINKERS BAY STAKES

Fel Ying
Charybdis
Cuban Love

TAIWAN BAY HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION)

Election Time
Smiling Thru
Winsky

DEEP BAY HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION)

Night View
Rose Evelyn
Soldier of China

TAIWAN BAY HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION)

Tempest
Good Morning
Golden Cow

DAILY DOUBLE EVENT

King's Bounty/Fel Ying



LOUIS TRIUMPHS OVER MANN—This is the dramatic climax to the heavyweight bout in New York when Champion Joe Louis of Detroit retained his title against Nathan Mann of New Haven. Punching Mann into a daze in the second round, Louis finished him with a knockout in the third. Above, Louis towers over his fallen foe, while Referee Arthur Donovan starts the final count.

Olympics May Yet Be Transferred If War Lasts Till 1940

New York, Apr. 15. Returning from Cairo where he attended the recent Olympic Committee meeting, Mr. Avery Brundage, President of United States Olympic Committee, said there was a remote possibility of the Tokyo Olympic being transferred from Japan.

Mr. Brundage said that in the event of war continuing until 1940, Japan will be asked to relinquish the Olympics in time to enable the Games to be organized elsewhere.

However, his personal opinion was that the Games will be held in Tokyo according to schedule.

He believed that the United States will agree to a team being sent after formal invitations have been issued by Japan.—United Press.

EFFORTS MADE TO COMPLY WITH REQUEST

Tokyo, Apr. 15. An agreement to make efforts to comply with the International Olympic Committee's request regarding the date of the opening of the International Exposition was reached at a conference here to-day between representatives of the Olympic and the Organising Committee of the Exposition.

A warning was recently given by Count Latour, Chairman of the International Olympic Committee, that if the International Exposition in Japan, scheduled to open on March 15 and to last until August 31 of that year, is prolonged, foreign countries sending representatives to the Olympic Games in Tokyo opening on September 21 might recall them. Count Latour requested the Japanese Olympic Committee to give a definite reply by May 8.—United Press.

EVERYTHING SET FOR INTERPORT HOCKEY CLASH

(By "The Pilgrim")

By the time this is in print the Macao team will be in Hongkong and this afternoon at 3 p.m. spectators will have an opportunity of seeing our Portuguese friends loosening up in a practice game against the Royal Navy on the Club ground at King's Park.

To-morrow at 3 p.m. on the Navy ground at King's Park the big game takes place and Macao, the challengers, will make a great appeal by the constructive quality of their play; memories remain of the many thrilling clashes between the two colonies. In Interport games the teams have met four times and here are the results:

1934 Draw 1-1 at Hongkong.

1935 Win for H.K. 3-1 at Macao.

1936 Win for Macao 1-0 at Hongkong.

1937 Win for H.K. 1-0 at Macao.

Hongkong has two wins and a draw against Macao's one win and a draw, and, should the visitors be victorious, the teams will be on even terms.

Let's get acquainted with our rivals.

With the exception of two players the team is practically the same that which defeated Hongkong two seasons ago on the Navy ground. In both defences there is abundant opportunism and skill, but I prefer the Portuguese attack. Ferando Ramalho (inside-right) and Pedrinho Amelo (centre-forward) have both made a welcome return to the team and with F. Nolasco on the right-wing, these three are going to prove a great menace to Colony defenders.

W. A. Reed, Malik and Stickley, by the looks of things, are going to have a busy afternoon. The strength of both teams, however, lies in their intermediate line. S. A. Fowler and Douglass will find it pretty rough going against Laertes Costa, the Macao Captain and one of the best left-halves seen in H.K. since the days of Alf Din. Alex Airosa, the young pivot and key man in the visitors' defence, will also be a hard nut to crack. Strange as it seems the

Tennis Championships

SIRDAR RUMJAHN'S STOUT HEART OF NO AVAIL

(By "Abe")

There could perhaps be only one result in a match between a man playing at the peak of his form and one whose star is already on the wane, especially in a best-of-five-sets tennis tie. Such was the case on Thursday when Tsui Wai-pui, favourite for this year's title, met S. A. Rumjahn in the semi-finals of the Colony Tennis Singles Championship.

That the Chinese Davis Cupper won the encounter was only to be expected, as a singles player he is undoubtedly the best in the Colony. But the intriguing point was whether he would get through easily or whether he would be extended by a player, whose fighting qualities have been well-known in the Championships during the last decade and who is never beaten until the last stroke is played.

Once again Sirdar Rumjahn provided evidence of his great heart. Though defeated, he revealed in no uncertain fashion that there is life in the old dog still. Made to scurry hither and thither to retrieve well-placed shots, he was equal to the occasion more often than not. And played to a standstill, his spirit never weakened; however, his body did in the end, and he succumbed by scores of 4-6, 6-1 6-3, 6-4.

ENCOURAGING START

To those who had expected Tsui to get through in straight sets, Rumjahn had a surprise. Fighting back from 1-4 down, he won the next five games in a row to take the opening set. This was very encouraging to the veteran, but nevertheless it could be seen that from the purely tennis point of view he was not up to the standard of his opponent; only his never-say-die spirit and some inexcusable mistakes by Tsui allowed him to negotiate the first hurdle so successfully.

It is perhaps a tribute to the quality of Tsui's tennis that ever after this reverse thoughts of his defeat seldom remained uppermost in one's mind. All through the game he was so much the artist and Rumjahn so much the workman that the discerning could not help but realise that the loss of the first set meant only a delay of the finish.

Apart from spasmodic burst on the part of the Indian, it was Tsui who dictated terms. For long periods he stood in the centre of the court directing his drives from one corner to the other while his opponent scurried around to retrieve them. Perhaps if he had not been so well aware of his own superiority he might have

ended the match more quickly; as it was, he gave the impression that he knew he was the better man and therefore could afford to toy a little bit. At times he appeared almost leisurely in his stroking.

FOOLISH DROP SHOTS

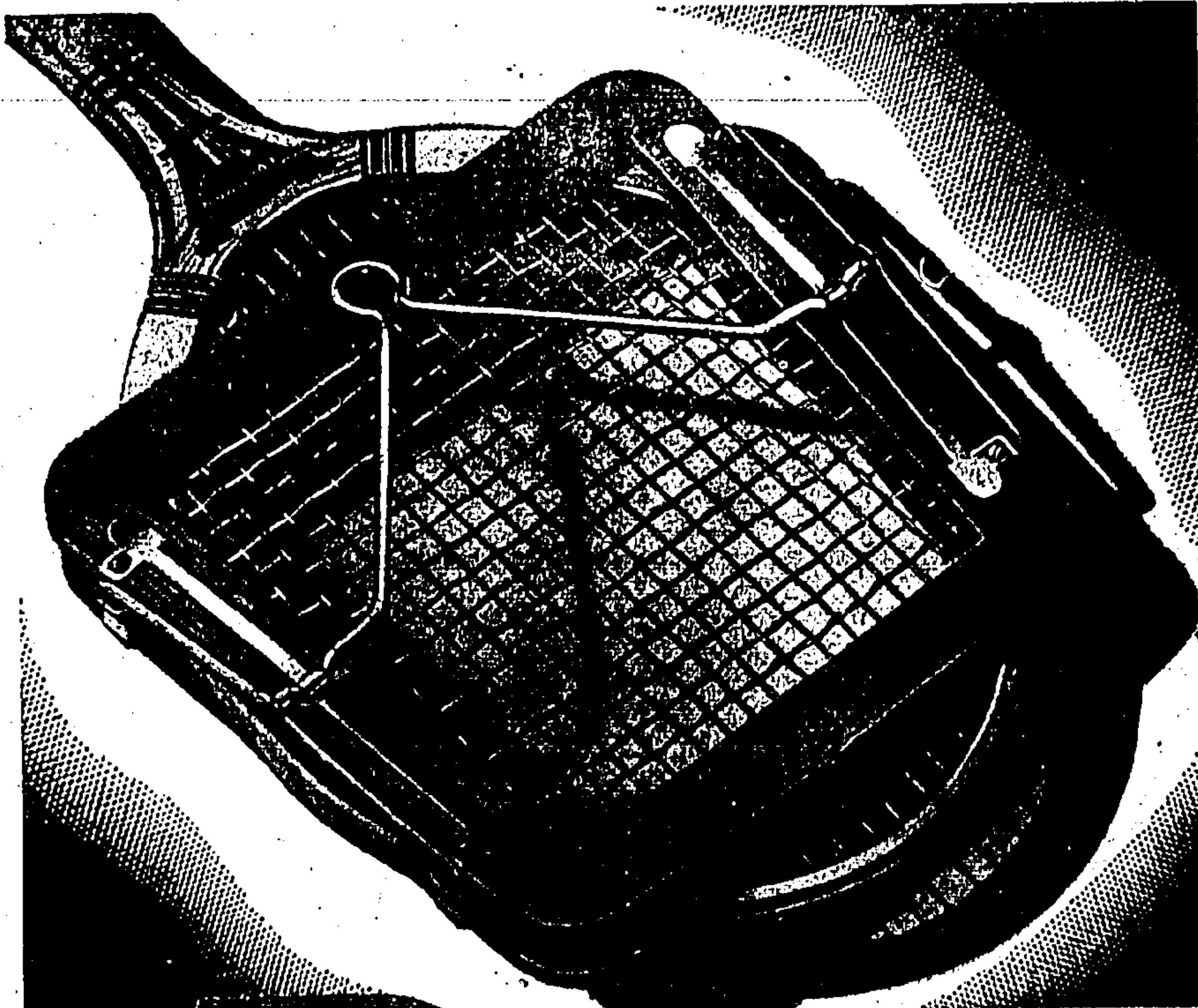
That he outplayed the Chinese in many splendid rallies in which both men were at their best, Rumjahn impressed most when he was on the defensive. He ran for every shot, even when it was fairly obvious that it could not be retrieved, and if one could not praise his judgment one could not help but admire his courage. One of his greatest faults was his persistence in attempting drop shots which were not accurate enough to trouble Tsui; in fact the latter turned them to his own account several times. Rumjahn held his own when he could get Tsui on the run, and on some of these occasions he even succeeded in manoeuvring the latter out of position before bringing the rallies to a successful conclusion.

Tsui did not serve as well as usual, seldom getting his first delivery right. On the other hand, Rumjahn's first service was, for him, fairly accurate; but when it failed him, his second was very weak.

On the whole, it was a splendid match. The better man won, but in losing Rumjahn put up a gallant fight and had his colours flying even in defeat.

BATHING PAVILION RE-OPENED

The formal re-opening of the South China Athletic Association bathing pavilion, North Point, took place yesterday afternoon, when a series of exhibition aquatic events were given by many of the Club's well-known swimmers, including Stanley Lee and Mak Wai-ning. A gala programme had been drawn up to celebrate the re-opening, but low and choppy water caused the cancellation of many events.



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HAPPY VALLEY GOLFERS BEAT KOWLOON RIVALS

Entertaining the Happy Valley Golf Club in their biennial match yesterday, the Kowloon Golf Club lost by 11½ points, the scores being: Valley 11½, Kowloon 11½.

In the morning's singles, the Valley players totalling 12½ points against their opponents' 4½, and in the afternoon's foursomes they registered 10½ to the losers 6½.

SPORT ADVTS.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 16th and MONDAY, 18th April, 1938, commencing at 12.30 p.m. each day.

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By Order, **C. B. BROWN**, Secretary.
Hongkong, 11th April, 1938.



"The Hurricane" blows up and raptures all before it in Samuel Goldwyn's production of that title which began a five-day run at the King's Theatre yesterday. Jon Hall and Dorothy Lamour have the leading roles.

Doctor And Wife On Long Journey

Shanghai, Apr. 15.
German-American doctor E. A. Peterson, of Los Angeles, accompanied by his wife, sailed for Yokohama to-day by themselves in a 36-foot Chinese junk in an attempt to reach Los Angeles in six months.

The craft is called "Hemel Humel" and is carrying the German flag.—United Press.

KOWLOON TONG WIN LAWN BOWLS MATCH

Playing in a friendly lawn bowls match, the Kowloon Tong Club beat the Kowloon Football Club by 70 shots to 45. They were up on all three rinks, Spary's rink winning by 13 shots, A. H. Basso's rink by 12 and H. Giffins' rink by 19.

PRESS LOSE AT CRICKET

Fast Scoring By Medical Corps

An unfinished innings of 104 not out by Capt. W. G. Harvey was the chief feature of a fast scoring cricket match between the Press and the Royal Army Medical Corps at Sookunpoo yesterday.

The occasion was a return match, a previous meeting between the sides having ended in a draw. Yesterday the R.A.M.C. won by five wickets, the scores being: Press (batting first), 184 for nine wickets, declared; R.A.M.C., 197 for five wickets.

During three hours play, 381 runs were scored.
For the Press, the best scores were F. M. el Arculli (59), A. R. Abbas (42) and A. H. Rumjahn (23).
Capt. Harvey played a bright knock but was missed at the wicket twice.

NARROW WIN FOR H.K.S.R.A.

Excellent Sport In Army Meet

By the narrow margin of half a point, the Hongkong Brigade, Hongkong Singapore Royal Artillery, won the Inter-Unit Championship Cup, defeating the Middlesex Regiment in the annual Area Athletic Meeting which concluded at the Polo Ground, Kowloon, yesterday.

Some excellent running by the Middlesex team in the 800 yards Relay established a new Army record of 1 min. 38.2/5 secs.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, was an interested spectator, while H. E. the General, Major General A. W. Bartholomew C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O., was also present.

In calling upon Mrs. Thomson, wife of Brigadier A. B. Thomson, M.C., to present the prizes at the end of the meeting, Brigadier F. W. L. Blissett, D.S.O., M.C., congratulated the H.K.S.R.A. on their feat, and commiserated with the Middlesex Regiment on being beaten by such a slender margin. Brigadier Blissett commented on the fact that after being runners-up for two years in succession, the H.K.S.R.A. had finally succeeded in winning the Championship.

After remarking on the fine time for the relay, he concluded by thanking the Hon. Secretary, Major G. P. Murray, The Seaforth Highlanders, and his assistant, Garrison Sergeant Major C. M. Estall, M.C., for the work they had put into arrangements for the Meet, and also the Middlesex Regiment for getting the ground ready on a day's notice.

Between the events, the Band of the Middlesex Regiment, by kind permission of Lieut.-Col. O. H. Tidbury and Officers, rendered selections, while during the tea interval, by permission of Lieut.-Col. G. Hall, M.C., and Officers, the Drums and Pipes of The Royal Scots played.

RESULTS

The following are the results, in detail, of all the events held during

RUGBY MATCHES AT HOME

London, Apr. 15.
Several Rugby matches were played in the country to-day, the results being as follows:
Penarth 0 Barbarians 6
Redruth 0 St. Mary's 6
Sale 6 Wasps 10
West Hartlepool 0 Blackheath 3
Weston Supermare 39 Universities 0
Ath. U. 0
—Reuter.

NEXT WEEK'S TENNIS TIES ANNOUNCED

The Colony Tennis Championships will be continued next week. On Tuesday, Luk Ding-cheung and Wong Shu-wing will contest with H. Owen Hughes and T. A. Pearce for the right to enter the semi-finals of the Open Doubles. The winners will meet the Rumjahn cousins.

Tsui Yun-pui and H. D. Rumjahn, who failed to reach a decision in their clash on Wednesday, will meet again on Wednesday, April 20. When they first met, the encounter was abandoned owing to falling light with the scores at two sets all and 4-4 in the fifth set.

On Thursday, the winners of the Luk Ding-cheung and Wong Shu-wing v. H. Owen Hughes and T. A. Pearce clash will meet the Rumjahn.

LADIES' GOLF COMPETITION

The results of the L.G.U. Medal Competition which was played by the Ladies' Section of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club at Fanling on Tuesday, April 12, were as follows:
Silver Division, Old Course.—Mrs. Shewan 87-12=75; Mrs. Holmes 94-16=78; Mrs. Gilmore 93-14=79.
Bronze Division, New Course.—Mrs. Burton 105-30=60 won after a tie with Mrs. Brent-Smith 96-27=99; Miss P. M. King 95-22=73; Mrs. Mitchell 102-28=74; Mrs. A. B. Thomson 95-21=74.

COAST BASEBALL

San Francisco, Apr. 13.
The results of matches played in the Pacific Coast Baseball League to-day were as follows:
Hollywood 4, R. A. 3
Sacramento 1, 5th A. 0
Portland 1, 8th A. 0
Oakland 0, 4th A. 0
(Ten innings)
Portland 8, 6th A. 2
Sacramento 6, 2nd Bn. 1
This match was played at night.—United Press.

The two-day meeting:
Throwing the Discus.—1. The Royal Engineers; 2. 5th A. A. Bde. R. A.; 3. 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regt.; 4. 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots; 5. Hongkong Bde. H.K.S.R.A.; 6. Rajputana Rifles.
Best individual throw, Cpl. Land. R.E.'s. 121ft. 11½ ins.
Putting the Weight.—1. 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regt.; 2. Hongkong Bde. H.K.S.R.A.; 3. The Royal Engineers; 4. 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots; 5. 5th A. A. Bde. R. A.; 6. Rajputana Rifles.
Best individual put, Cpl. Land. R.E.'s. 57ft. 11ins.
Throwing the Hammer.—1. 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regt.; 2. M. K. Bde. H.K.S.R.A.; 3. 5th A. A. Bde. R. A.; 4. 5th Rajputana Rifles; 5. 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots; 6. 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots; Best individual throw, Sergt. Bullock 1st Middlesex Regt. 100ft.

Throwing the Javelin.—1. The Royal Engineers; 2. 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regt.; 3. Hongkong Bde. H.K.S.R.A.; 4. 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots; 5. 5th A. A. Bde. R. A.; 6. Rajputana Rifles.
Best individual throw, Cpl. Land. R.E.'s. 155ft. 7ins.
High Jump.—1. Hongkong Bde. H.K.S.R.A.; 2. The Royal Engineers; 3. 5th Rajputana Rifles; 4. 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regt.; 5. 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots; 6. 5th A. A. Bde. R. A.; Best individual jump, Cpl. Land. R.E.'s. 5ft. 10ins.
Long Jump.—1. The Royal Engineers; 2. 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regt.; 3. Hongkong Bde. H.K.S.R.A.; 4. 5th A. A. Bde. R. A.; 5th Rajputana Rifles; 6. 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots; Best individual jump, L/Cpl. Lewis R.E.'s. 20ft. 2ins.

Three Miles Team Race.—1. Hongkong Bde. H.K.S.R.A.; 2. 5th Rajputana Rifles; 3. 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regt.; 4. 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots; 5. 5th A. A. Bde. R. A.; 6. The Royal Engineers. Time 10 mins. 12 secs.
Pole Vault.—1. Hongkong Bde. H.K.S.R.A.; 2. 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regt.; 3. 5th Rajputana Rifles; 4. 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots; 5. The Royal Engineers; 6. 5th A. A. Bde. R. A.; Best individual jump, Kundan Singh H.K.S.R.A. 10 ft. 5 ins.

Two Miles Relay.—1. Hongkong Bde. H.K.S.R.A.; 2. 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regt.; 3. 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots; 4. 5th A. A. Bde. R. A.; 5. 5th Rajputana Rifles; 6. The Royal Engineers. Time 8 mins. 42.5.

800 yards Relay.—1. 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regt.; 2. 5th A. A. Bde. R. A.; 3. Hongkong Bde. H.K.S.R.A.; 4. 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots; 5. The Royal Engineers; 6. 5th Rajputana Rifles. Time 1 min. 32.5 secs. (Army Record).

Boys 100 yards.—1. Boy Gaddard, 1st M/K; 2. Boy Gaddard, 1st M/K; 3. Boy Gaddard, 1st M/K.

One Mile Open Relay.—1. H.M.S. Medway; 2. The Royal Air Force; 3. 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regt.

One Mile Team Race.—1. Hongkong Bde. H.K.S.R.A.; 2. 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regt.; 3. 5th Rajputana Rifles; 4. 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots; 5. 5th A. A. Bde. R. A.; 6. The Royal Engineers.

400 yards Hurdles.—1. Hongkong Bde. H.K.S.R.A.; 2. 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regt.; 3. 5th Rajputana Rifles; 4. 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots; 5. 5th A. A. Bde. R. A.; 6. The Royal Engineers. Disqualified.

One Mile Relay.—1. 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regt.; 2. Hongkong Bde. H.K.S.R.A.; 3. 5th A. A. Bde. R. A.; 4. 5th Rajputana Rifles; 5. 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots.

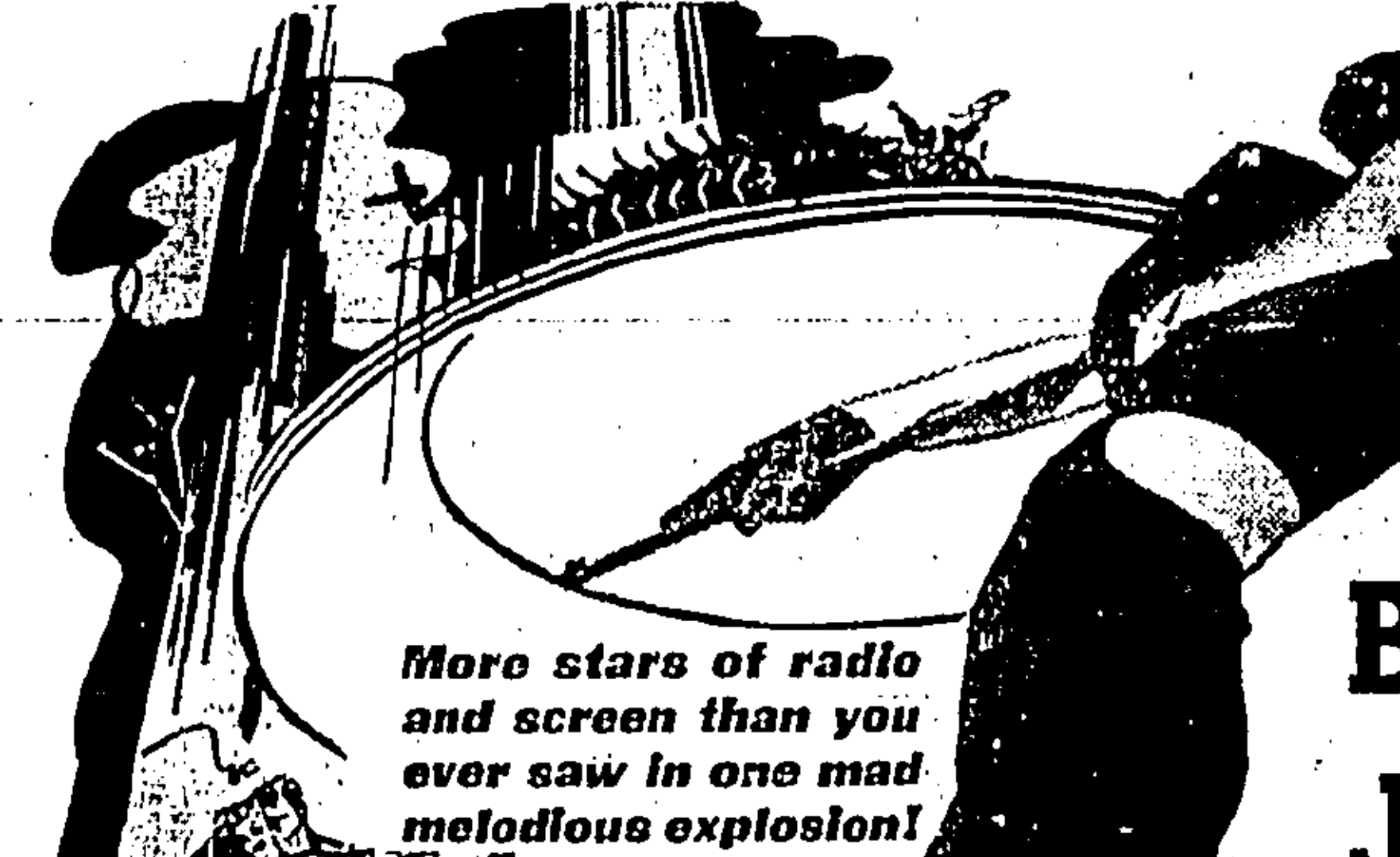
100 yards Open Individual.—1. W. J. Taylor, Royal Navy; 2. Charan Singh, H.K. Police; 3. Liout Simpson, R.N.

400 yards Relay.—1. 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regt.; 2. The Royal Engineers; 3. Hongkong Bde. H.K.S.R.A.; 4. 5th A. A. Bde. R. A.; 5. 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots; 6. 5th Rajputana Rifles.

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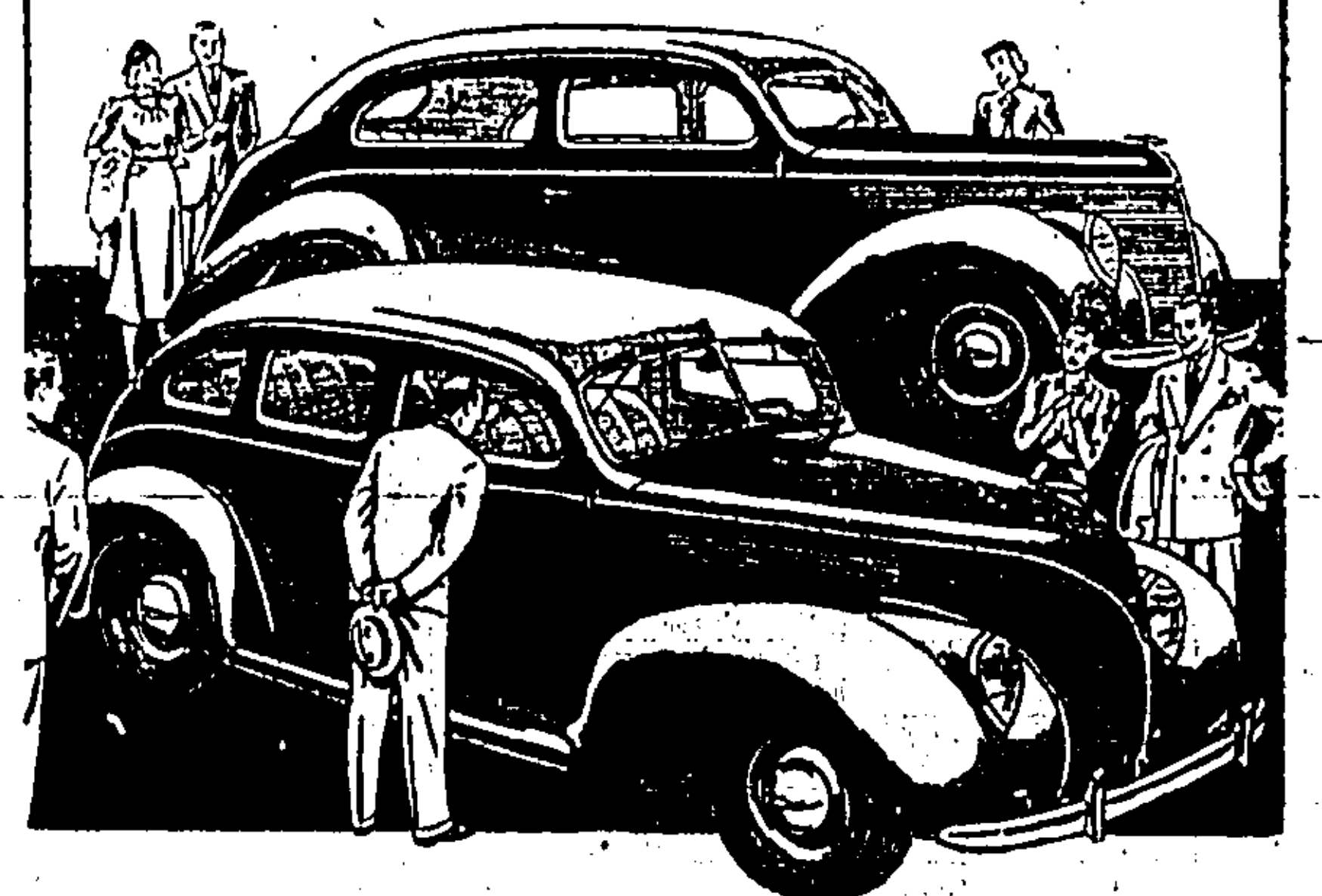
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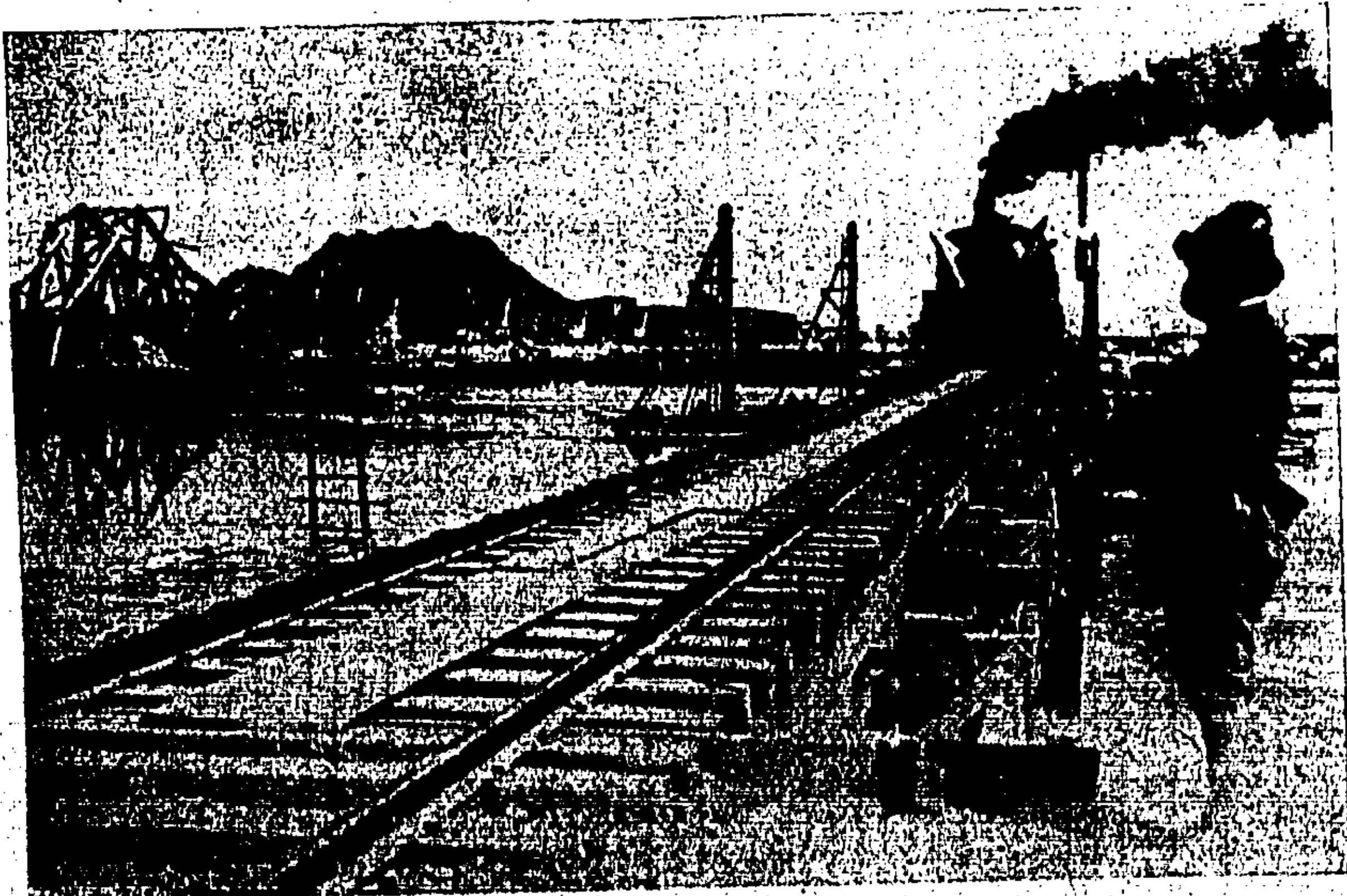
A CAMERAMAN AT THE BISLEY MEETING



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MANILA	Potsdam	Manila	Apr. 24
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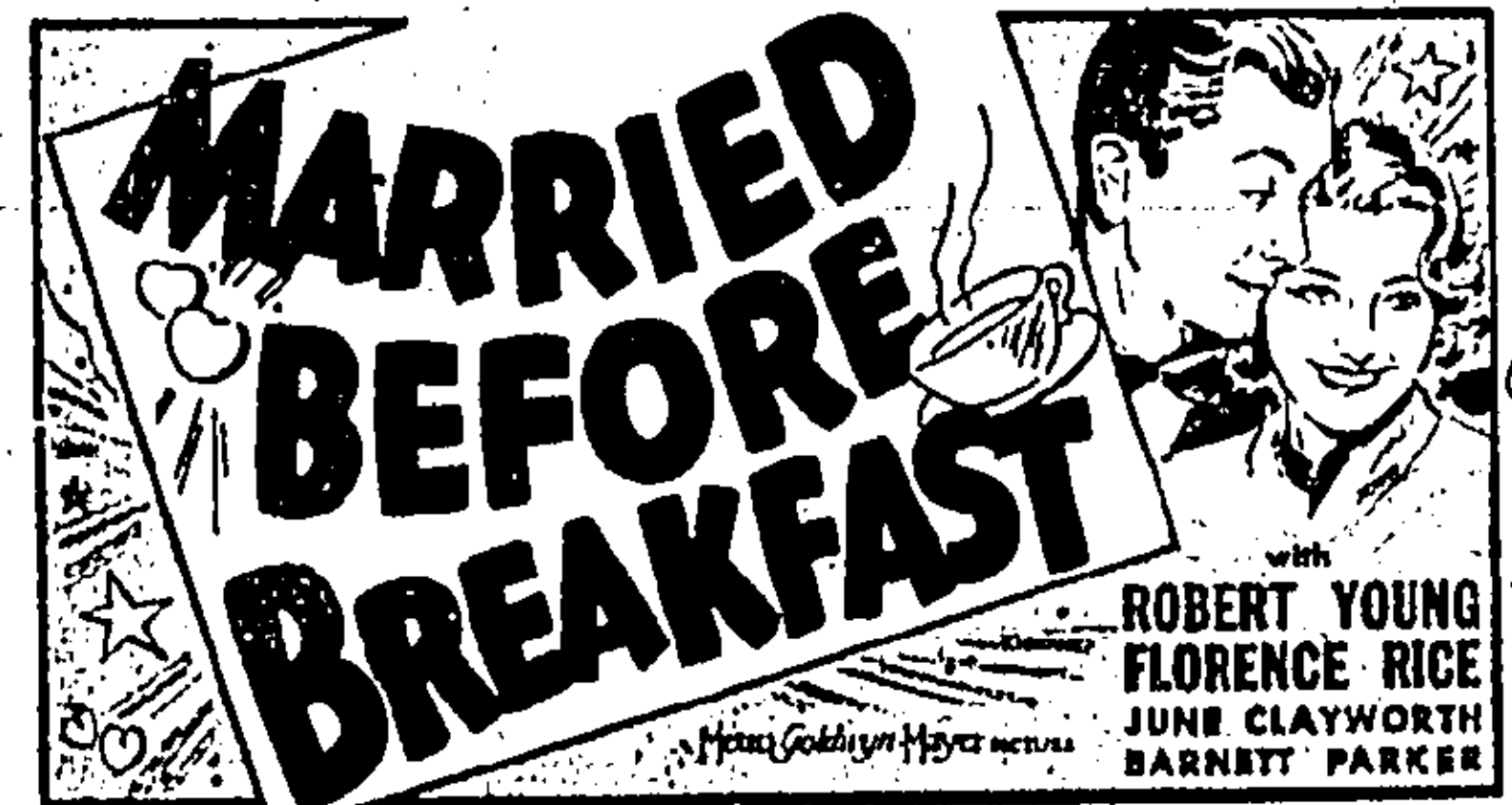
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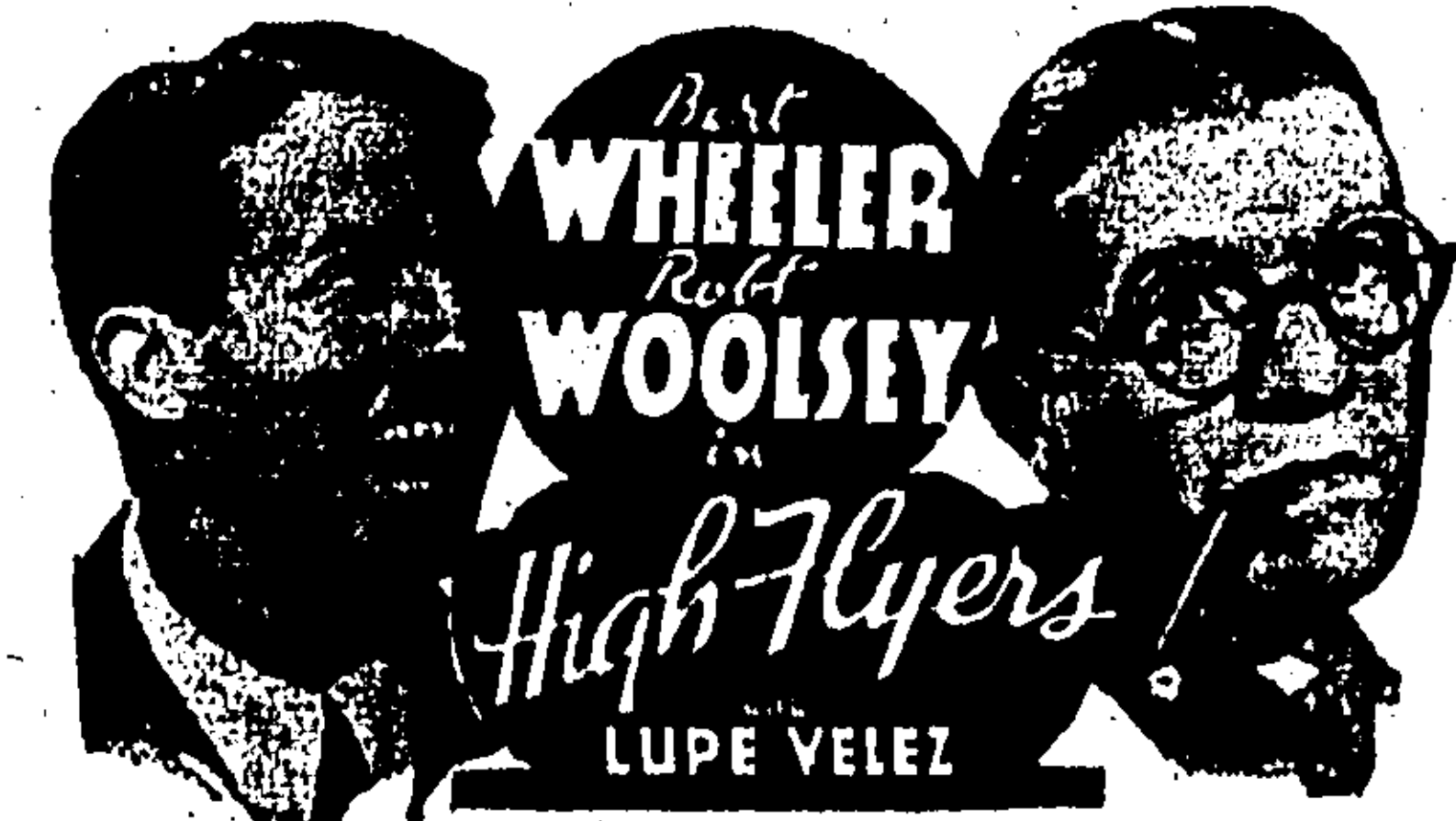


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Perth, West Australia, Apr. 15.
Two of the five Air Force flying boats which are on their way to England after their visit to Sydney for the anniversary celebrations, have been held up at Port Hedland with engine trouble, and it may be necessary to have spare parts for them sent from Singapore.

The other boats, including their commanders, left for Lima yesterday. The two delayed flying boats took off with the rest, but were compelled to return.

All the boats unsuccessfully attempted to take off from Port Hedland on Wednesday.—Reuter.

FIVE DAY SCHEDULE

London, Apr. 15.
Imagining the new fast service from South Africa, an Imperial Airways flying boat, carrying mails and passengers, arrived at Southampton five days and two hours after leaving Durban.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS NEWS

JAPANESE RAID KWANGTUNG

Canton, Apr. 16.
Twenty-eight Japanese planes raided Pakong station on the Canton-Hankow Railway, and Sheklung station on the Canton-Kowloon Railway yesterday afternoon.

One of the enemy planes was damaged by Chinese anti-aircraft fire at Sheklung. A piece of a wing was shot away.

More than 10 bombs were dropped at the Sheklung station, causing slight damage to the rails. Bombs were also released at Pakong station on the Canton-Hankow Railway.

Chinese anti-aircraft guns went into action at Saichuan and White Cloud Mountain.

According to a report from Chungshan, three Japanese planes bombed Taling and Hsiaoing Islands off the Chungshan coast shortly afterwards.—Central News.

JAPANESE CLAIM SHANSI GAINS

Peiping, Apr. 16.
A spokesman announced that Japanese units occupied strategic bases south and east of Shansi, at Wushiang and Yushe on April 13, both places being about 70 miles south-east of Talyuan.

He said that he had nothing to announce concerning the Shantung front.

Ridiculing Chinese reports that there were 250,000 Japanese war dead, the spokesman recalled that at the recent Yasukuni Shrine service in memory of all the dead in the Chinese incident last year, the number totalled 4,533, including newspapermen, nurses and Korean interpreters.—United Press.

CHINA HONOURS KOREAN PATRIOT

Hankow, Apr. 16.
Koreans in China held a special memorial service at Chungshan yesterday in honour of An Chan-hao, leader of the Korean revolutionary movement, who died in prison in Korea on March 10.

An Chan-hao was taken prisoner by the Japanese in Shanghai on April 20, 1932, and was sent to Korea after the Hongkew Park bombing. He remained in prison in Korea until his death there last month.—Reuter.

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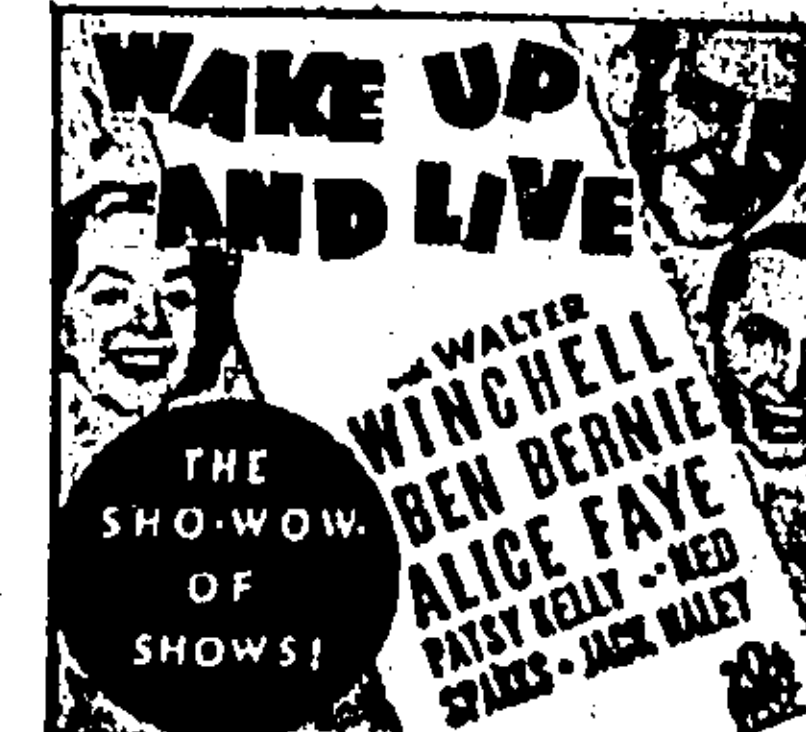
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